

'Triumvirate' takes over sanction fight

● Australia, Canada and India are likely to form a triumvirate to lead Commonwealth action on sanctions

● Opposition and Conservative MPs predict trouble for Mrs Thatcher as pressure for more sanctions grows

● Pretoria announced a levy on all goods passing through South Africa to neighbouring black-ruled countries

● Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, said Britain had sullied its record on human rights (page 5)

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Australia, Canada and India are expected to form a joint leadership of the Commonwealth in its crusade in the international community to strengthen sanctions against South Africa after the London summit.

As the Marlborough House conference ended yesterday with bitter recriminations against Mrs Margaret Thatcher for her stand which left her isolated, leading Commonwealth figures, including Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, were saying that Britain had forfeited its moral leadership of the Commonwealth.

Although British sources denied the accusation, Britain will plainly not be playing a part in the task set by the other six summit leaders of seeking wider international agreement for the new measures they agreed to implement.

Instead, Commonwealth sources suggested yesterday, it is inevitable that the "triumvirate" of Mr Gandhi,

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, and Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, will take over a role which would normally have been fulfilled by Britain in the past.

There were unconfirmed suggestions yesterday that Mr

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Mulroney would be having an early meeting with President Reagan to try to win his backing for tougher measures.

Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, yesterday began the work - with which he was charged by the six summit leaders - of co-ordinating the implementation of the measures which all but Mrs Thatcher agreed to.

These were all the measures in the Nassau accord, including a ban on air links, a ban on

the import of agricultural products, a ban on government procurement in South Africa and a ban on government contracts with majority-owned South African companies, as well as three additional measures, a ban on new bank loans to South Africa, a ban on the import of uranium, coal, iron and steel and the withdrawal of consular facilities in South Africa.

Letters will be going out from the Commonwealth Secretariat in London to all the other 49 member countries explaining the decisions taken. Implementation of some of the measures is expected to take place in some countries almost immediately, but others will clearly take longer.

Leaders and officials from all Commonwealth countries will become involved in the wider task of persuading the international community to take action.

One of the first opportunities for action is seen as the conference of the non-aligned nations to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe, in two weeks' time, when Mr Robert Mugabe, who will chair it, is expected to make efforts to win over the Arab states.

Most of the action agreed by Mrs Thatcher in her offer to the summit is conditional upon agreement by the European Community next month. That includes the ban on their import of iron, steel and coal.

However, advice will shortly be going out from government departments to the appropriate trading bodies informing them of the voluntary ban on new investment

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Another Royal celebration: Princess Anne returning to the winner's enclosure after her first racing victory yesterday at Redcar on the 5-1 chance Gulland. The Princess had cast superstition aside as this was her 13th ride. Report: page 29

Plessey threat to Nimrod

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Plessey announced yesterday that it was teaming up with the American company, Westinghouse, to compete against GEC's Nimrod project to provide the Royal Air Force with Airborne Early Warning facilities.

The news came only a day or two before the Department of Trade and Industry is expected to rule whether GEC can proceed with its bid to take over Plessey.

Co-operation between Plessey and Westinghouse on the project is intended to be only the start of a much wider

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collaboration which could bring Plessey between £500 million and £1 billion of high technology work over the next 10 years.

The Ministry of Defence has given GEC to the end of this month to show that Nimrod can meet the RAF's requirements. The ministry is evaluating several bids to replace Nimrod and is expected to reach a decision in October.

One of the leading contenders is the Boeing AWACS, which is in service with the United States and Nato. Westinghouse supplies the radar and some other electronic equipment.

As part of the co-operation agreement announced yesterday, Westinghouse said that if AWACS was selected for the RAF, Plessey would be responsible for important parts of the radar element.

In addition, Plessey would benefit from up to £200 million of other work from Westinghouse under offset arrangements.

Baker orders cut of 2m places as school roll falls

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is today ordering local education authorities to find ways of getting rid of two million surplus school places, including closing down small schools, by 1991.

He is urging them to meet "the challenge" created by the drop in pupil numbers and not allow an estimated £70 million a year to be wasted by maintaining half-empty school buildings.

In a draft circular, which the local authorities will receive today, he has told them to come up with plans for reorganizing their schools by November.

He estimates that it costs on average £100 a year to keep each surplus primary school place in use and £170 for each secondary place. That money, he argues, could be used instead to raise standards and improve quality.

Mr Baker's attempt to speed the reorganization has already brought protests from teachers' representatives and is likely to cause dismay among the local authorities.

The circular sets out acceptable minimum school numbers. For instance it states a primary school should have enough pupils to justify keeping at least three teachers.

A comprehensive school with fewer than six forms of entry, comprising up to 180 pupils, is unlikely to be able to offer a broad-based curriculum.

"In many cases the best answer from both an educational and economic point of view will be to amalgamate or

close some of the schools in an area, or to reorganize their age ranges, or some other strategy for rationalizing the pattern of schools in the area," it says.

Mr Baker is known to be against the wholesale closure of smaller schools but it is not likely that the local authorities will be able to meet his target of removing 350,000 primary places and 800,000 secondary places in five years without "shutting some schools."

The Audit Commission recently estimated that 1,000 secondary schools might have to close.

The circular adds a proviso against the closure of "schools of proven worth", particularly grammar schools.

Some schools will be able to get around the problem by converting unnecessary classrooms to specialist use, such as laboratories or art studios, or to allow the local community to use them.

The National Union of Teachers said Mr Baker should be recommending that surplus places be used to reduce class sizes, provide more specialist help for children and better facilities for arts, music and practical subjects.

If he wanted a general contraction in secondary schools then some grammar schools would also have to close.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Mr Baker must recognize the need for all benefits from such a policy to be ploughed back into the education service."

Murder threat widened by IRA

By Richard Ford

Thousands of workers who service the security forces in Northern Ireland were threatened with death yesterday as the Provisional IRA extended the intimidation campaign which has cost five lives and lost hundreds of jobs in the construction industry.

The terrorists issued a lengthy statement through a Provisional Sino Fein office in west Belfast warning a large number of contractors that if they continued assisting what they described as the "war machine" they would be treated as enemies.

Construction firms carrying out work at Royal Ulster Constabulary bases damaged in IRA bomb attacks have already been threatened by the terrorists but yesterday they increased those considerations to "legitimate targets" to include milkmen and bakery workers delivering to the security forces.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, condemned the threats, saying that the IRA appeared to have taken on the whole community through intimidation and fear. "They are increasingly isolated and as a result are thrown back on intimidation and fear."

Within hours of the statement by the terrorists, one firm in Newry, Co Down, announced that it would no longer supply fuel for police vehicles.

The terrorists threatened British Telecom and Standard Telephone Cables, who it said would install and maintain computers and facilitate intelligence and Special Branch operations in the province. BT, which employs 4,700 and STC, which employs 1,000 workers, both had no comment to make yesterday.

One concern for BT is that some of its exchanges share sites with the security forces.

The IRA named one construction firm operating on Larne Police station, plus its managing director and another man in Co Londonderry said to be involved in recruiting labour for the Northern Ireland Office.

The statement threatened Civil Servants' contractors providing fuel and catering, and transport companies. Cleaning contractors and those mending vending machines in security force bases

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Sterling and oil boosted by Opec

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

North Sea oil prices and the value of sterling both rose yesterday, increasing government revenues, after the latest agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to cut back on output to force prices up.

North Sea oil for delivery next month rose from \$10.90 a barrel to \$15 a barrel and cargoes for October delivery were changing hands at \$15.25 after trading at \$9.24 the previous day.

The pound closed in London yesterday up more than a cent at \$1.4830 and held that level for most of the day in New York after touching \$1.4860.

Sterling, which has been highly sensitive to oil price movements since Britain became Europe's largest oil exporter a decade ago, rose against most other currencies.

The effect on Britain's economy is considerable with the difference between North Sea oil at \$10 a barrel and \$15 amounting to \$3 billion a year extra for the Treasury.

Although higher oil prices may eventually mean more expensive petrol, home heating oil and industrial fuels, the new price, if maintained, will reduce some of the smaller North Sea oilfields to profitability, improve employment prospects in the offshore construction industry and also restore some competitiveness to the British coal industry.

The new Opec agreement, reached after the longest ministerial meeting in the 26-year history of the oil producers' cartel, cuts daily output from the present level of 20.3 million barrels a day (mbd) to 16.4 mbd. The agreement excludes Iraq and is consistent with Opec's declared aim of sending prices back up to around \$19 by the end of this year. It will come into force on September 1 and be reviewed after two months.

A year ago, when Opec launched its price war on the non-Opec oil producers, prices were around \$30 and, until yesterday's formal agreement, were seen by some industry analysts as heading down as low as \$5.

Oil companies are now watching to see if the new agreement will be broken, but Opec

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Thatcher escapes Tory Party attack

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday escaped with remarkably little criticism from within her own party over her stance at the Commonwealth summit.

She attracted a chorus of opposition condemnation for having isolated Britain within the Commonwealth and for placing strains on Commonwealth unity, but MPs on both the left and right of the Conservative Party agreed that she had successfully walked the tightrope between the pro- and anti-sanctions factions.

But MPs both of the Opposition and some Conservatives were predicting trouble for the Prime Minister as the international pressure for further sanctions grows, particularly in the United States.

By agreeing only to a limited series of measures she kept at bay the 30 or so Conservative hardliners who would revolt against the imposition of strong economic

sanctions. By moving at least slightly further than her public utterances before the conference had suggested, she went some way to appeasing the probably much larger group of MPs who have been urging her to take further action.

It appeared yesterday that there was little or no discussion within the Cabinet at Mrs Thatcher's summit performance. She and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, were working broadly along the bargaining lines agreed last week by the Cabinet's overseas and defence committee.

The Cabinet will next discuss the issue shortly before the crucial meeting of European foreign ministers in September.

The Prime Minister herself was said to have been satisfied by the outcome of the conference, because of its recognition within an ultimately agreed communiqué of Bri-

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Eta threat to British envoys

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A letter apparently from Eta threatening the lives of British diplomats in Spain and all British companies and interests in the country has been received through the post, a British Embassy spokesman said here yesterday.

"We are taking it seriously until it is proved to be not genuine," the spokesman explained. He said that they were already in contact with the Spanish Police about the letter.

The threats, including making an attempt on the life of the British Ambassador, were presented as intended reprisals for what the letter described as the co-operation

now being shown by the EEC countries to the Madrid Government.

The West German Embassy and the Japanese Embassy confirmed receipt yesterday of similar letters. They appeared to be part of a concerted move against leading industrialized nations with significant investments in Spain.

The mention of increased collaboration in the letter referred to help by other governments in Spain's fight against terrorism. The announcement of the letter coincided with a visit of M Robert Pandraud, the French Minister responsible for security matters, for talks here

with Señor José Barrionuevo, Spain's Interior Minister, when they reviewed the recently increased co-operation between Paris and Madrid.

Last June coinciding with the bombing campaign at Spanish tourist resorts, Eta sent a letter to the British Consulate in Bilbao in English warning British tourists to stay away.

Yesterday's grimmer letter made no reference to tourists. Besides the diplomats, the letter threatened British investments in Spain, and the installation of Spanish subsidiaries of UK firms, as well as multinationals with a British participation.

Portfolio Gold

● Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won outright yesterday by Mr B Tierney of Camberwell, London SE5.

● There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 21; rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

Kasparov win

World chess champion Gary Kasparov yesterday won the fourth game of his title defence after the resignation of Anatoly Karpov, bringing the score to one win and three draws. Page 2

Dilley out

Graham Dilley, the England fast bowler, is out of the second Cornhill Test against New Zealand at Trent Bridge, tomorrow injured and is replaced by Greg Thomas, of Glamorgan. Page 32

Shultz attack

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in a newspaper interview attacked President Reagan's decision to sell subsidized wheat to the Russians. Page 7

Gurkha fracas

US military police were called in to stop a fight between Gurkha soldiers and their British officer on a training exercise near Honolulu, the US Army revealed. Page 6

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Degrees awarded by the Universities of Exeter and Surrey are published today. Page 7

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Pretoria to impose levy on goods in transit

From Michael Hornsby, Pretoria

The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R F "Pik" Botha, announced last night that a levy would be introduced soon on all goods passing through South Africa to neighbouring black-ruled countries.

This appeared to be a reference to checks on traffic imposed on Lesotho at the beginning of this year, which helped to bring about the overthrow of the kingdom's government.

war against South Africa's neighbours.

Mr Botha said: "If the situation deteriorates we will have to introduce more strict border control measures."

Although English grouse have been cleared after an examination of five birds by government scientists, the results from the more economically-significant Scottish moors have not been released yet.

Shadow of Chernobyl over 'Twelfth'

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Prospects for the Glorious Twelfth on some Scottish moors are overshadowed by continuing government investigations of radioactive levels in grouse after the Chernobyl disaster.

He thought it unlikely that grouse sales would be affected because the areas of Scotland where the Government had banned the slaughter of sheep were away from the main grouse-shooting regions.

Mr David Hughes-Hallett, director of the Scottish Landowners' Federation, said yesterday that any restriction on the sale of grouse would not affect shooting. But estates would lose money if they could not sell shot birds.

Some estate owners and game dealers are less worried about the impact of radiation than about the apparent continuing decline in numbers

of wild game birds like grouse and partridge.

Investigations are continuing into the impact on grouse of two diseases. One is louping ill, or sheep stagger, which literally makes sheep stagger in the fields. The tick responsible is passed by sheep on to the ground from which it can attack grouse.

The other disease is caused by a parasitic worm which can kill grouse or enfeeble a hen bird so much that it will produce a small clutch of eggs and weak chicks.



GREENPEACE advertisement featuring a rainbow and text: 'YOU CAN'T SINK A RAINBOW. Since the French sank the Rainbow Warrior, Greenpeace has disrupted US tests of declared Antarctica a World Bank a ban on dumping nuclear waste at sea in the UK coastal pollution Stopped Norwegian ships from killing Minke whales. Please support our continued defence of the natural world. 1. Please enclose a donation of £... 2. Join us and follow our campaigns in our quarterly newsletter. Annual subscription rates: Single - £7.50 Family - £12.00. Name: Address: Greenpeace, 36 Graham Street, London N1 8LL.

RUC may sue media over shoot-to-kill allegations

The Royal Ulster Constabulary is considering legal action over media reports of the inquiry into its alleged "shoot-to-kill" policy, it was disclosed last night.

Letters were sent out from force headquarters yesterday to police officers throughout Northern Ireland inviting them to contact the RUC legal department if they feel they have been libelled.

They have been told the RUC will consider financial help in suitable cases.

According to the letter, Sir John Hermon, the chief constable, believes that the reputation of the RUC as a whole, and individual members, has been damaged through "misleading and distorted reports in the news media".

The inquiry is presently being conducted by Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

Mr Sampson is also conducting an investigation into Mr John Stalker, deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, the former head of the inquiry, who has been suspended since May for alleged breaches of discipline.

The full text of the letter read: "Force headquarters wishes it to be known that news media reports concerning the inquiry, conducted in the first instance by Mr Stalker, and currently by Mr Sampson, are being studied by the force's legal branch.

"The force will be aware that the chief constable has already expressed concern that the reputation of the RUC as a whole, and that of individual members, in the performance of their duty has been damaged through misleading and distorted reports in the news media.

"If any members feel libelled by these reports he is invited to communicate with the legal branch at force headquarters as soon as possible.

"This is without prejudice to any action the individual may himself wish to take.

The Police Authority is prepared to consider financial support in suitable cases."

An RUC spokesman said yesterday: "We can confirm that this letter went out today, but we are not prepared to comment further because it is an internal matter."

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were also told to publicly withdraw from their contract.

"Those who continue to refuse to take heed of this warning are, in effect collaborating with our enemies and shall be treated as our enemies. All who we mention should take this warning very seriously as we are not prepared to allow these oppressive institutions to function unchallenged," the statement said.

"They are part of the war machine and those who assist in any way will be treated as part of that war machine and therefore must expect to suffer the consequences."

A week ago the IRA shot dead a Protestant businessman who had supplied materials for the repair of two RUC stations in Co Tyrone and Co Fermanagh and yesterday's statement has caused fear among many workers employed by firms holding contracts with the security forces.

The terrorists have killed four businessmen for supplying materials to the security forces during the last 14 months, forcing the Government to bring in Royal Engineers to repair RUC stations.

More than 1,000 jobs have been lost in the construction industry in the province, where unemployment is 21.5 per cent.

Mr King said yesterday that it was "highly through intimidation that the Provisionals could make any impact."

"They no longer have any support at all in terms of argument or from the people north and south of the border," he said.

The threat was attacked by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Social Democratic and Labour Party. Mr Terry Carlin, northern officer of the ICTU said: "They threaten the jobs of thousands and thousands of people. Does the threat include the telephone operator who takes a 999 call about a terrorist bomb and are journalists our collaborators if they carry RUC statements?" he said.

Yesterday's statement came after the IRA killed its first member of the security forces in Belfast for 16 months and as a smaller than usual group of Northern members toured the province before next Sunday's Republican commemoration for the 15th anniversary of internment.

Security forces believe the threat and killing are part of an attempt to heighten tension

All-night TV project defended

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent

Suggestions that schoolchildren may fall asleep in classrooms as a result of watching all-night television have been rejected as a valid objection to a pilot project being launched by Yorkshire Television on Friday.

Mr Paul Fox, the company's managing director, observed that "people will be found who'll knock hell out of any innovative move in this country", during a discussion of the venture yesterday.

He pointed out that most schools were presently on holiday, and said he was more concerned about letters complaining that the sound from televisions could penetrate this walls and disturb the sleep of neighbours.

In any case, the overnight service of pop videos, interviews and reviews, available only to viewers in the company's transmission area, was for an experimental period of 13 weeks only.

If any decision was taken to continue it on a regular basis, however, Yorkshire Television would be deeply disappointed if it was not awarded the franchise, Mr Fox said.

One of his colleagues added that young people were more likely to video record highlights of the programmes, than to stay up all night.

Mr Fox declined to predict viewing figures or revenue. However, 180 minutes of the 250 minutes of advertising time available during the first week had been sold.

The service, produced in London by the Music Box company, is already broadcast by satellite to more than four million homes in 11 European countries.

The main purpose of a company reception yesterday was to announce details of its plans to float 25 per cent of its shares on the Stock Exchange later this month.

The aim was to give viewers and staff an opportunity to invest in the company.



The Prince and Princess Michael of Kent sailing at Cowes yesterday (Photograph Julian Herbert).

£7m drugs seized in Anglo-Dutch arrests

Police and customs officers have smashed a multimillion-pound drug ring operating in Britain and The Netherlands.

Drugs with a total street value of nearly £7 million have been seized in operations in the two countries, and 22 people have been arrested.

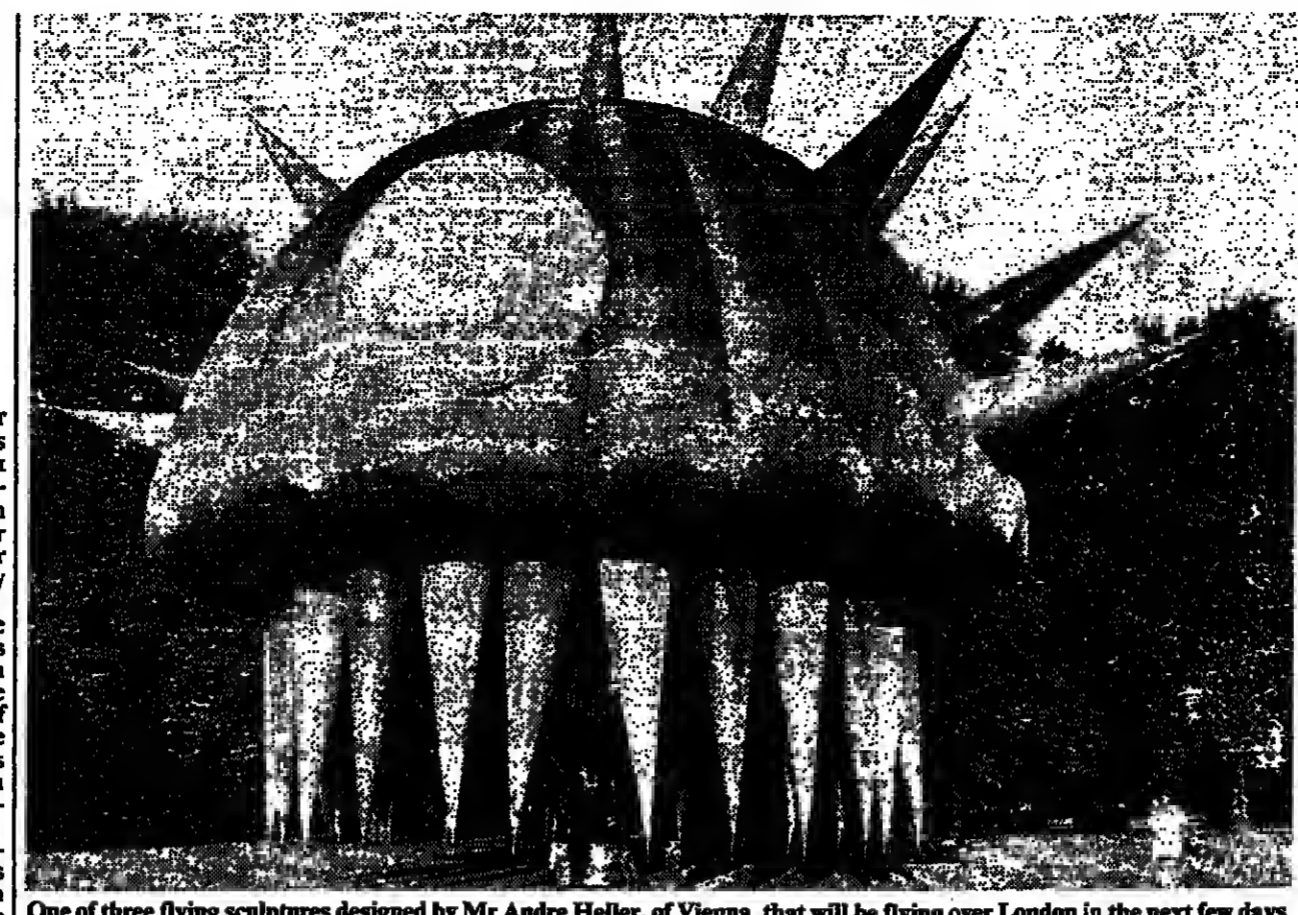
The arrests are the result of a two-month operation involving officers from the newly-formed No 5 Regional Drugs Squad and customs and excise.

In a statement yesterday, Essex police said that the operation centred on two commercial addresses, in Barrack Street and Hythe Hill, Colchester.

In raids at the end of last month more than 210 kilos of cannabis resin, with a street value of about £700,000, and a loaded automatic firearm and ammunition were seized in Colchester.

Four Britons and two Dutchmen were arrested and have been charged with the illegal importation of drugs and possessing dangerous drugs with intent to supply. They will appear before magistrates at Chelmsford tomorrow.

Essex police said that after the arrests contact was made with Dutch police and they



One of three flying sculptures designed by Mr Andre Heller, of Vienna, that will be flying over London in the next few days on the start of a series of flights over 20 European cities. The 114-ft high creations, illuminated and carrying fireworks, are intended as a present from the city of Vienna to the people of Europe (Photograph Suresh Karadia).

Liverpool parking fees soar

Motorists, taxi drivers and stall holders have been left counting the cost of Liverpool City Council's delayed budget.

Mr Tony Byrne, chairman of the finance committee, announced yesterday that no job losses or service cuts had been included in the final £2.6 million package which balances the books.

But he said that car parking charges, taxi licences and market and street trading fees would all be going up by as much as 100 per cent.

Sir Trevor Jones, leader of Liverpool's Liberal opposition, said that the increases would drive people from the city.

"The city centre is roughly twice the size of Anfield cemetery and soon it will be twice as dead," he said after the savings were announced.

Mr Byrne blamed the Government for the council's problems over fixing a budget.

"We have lost £500 million since 1979 in central government grants to this authority. It has been particularly vindictive in singling out Liverpool," he said.

All Liverpool's services could have been maintained with a 7 per cent rate rise if the Government had not "taken on" the council, he said.

"Instead we were lumbered with a 16 per cent rate increase and £37 million deficit."

Most of that was cleared with the help of a loan from a Japanese bank. Of the remaining £2.6 million, all but £500,000 is being found through accountancy measures.

Fake cheques cost the banks £26m

By Bill Johnston, Technology Correspondent

Men's clothes shops and offices have become the prime targets for cheque forgers who are now passing 300 cheques a day during shopping hours in the UK, the clearing banks say.

Last year the banks lost £26 million from cheque frauds and have embarked on a campaign to educate the 4,000 biggest retailers in the UK.

The Association for Payment Clearing Services, which represents 22 banks, says many retailers are sloppy and do not insist that customers sign cheques in the presence of their sales assistants who frequently fail to match properly the signatures to those on the cards.

The new design of cheque cards and technology introduced in the past 18 months which prevents cards from being overused has made it difficult for forgers to have much success in banks.

But the men's clothes shops and wine stores have become the favoured haunts of the forgers who get quick cash by recycling the easily disposable low-priced goods, although they are now forced to fake the cardholders' signature.

According to the association: "The new cheque card, first issued in October 1984, was designed to make life difficult for criminals.

"While the losses for 1985 were held at the 1984 level, they are still running at an annual £26 million - £500,000 a week."

CHEQUE CARD FRAUD

Fraud in the UK expressed in £ million

Year	Total Fraud	Banks	Retail	Eurocheque
1976	1,391	0,462	0,722	0,207
1977	1,857	0,549	1,172	0,036
Guarantee limit increased from £30 to £50				
1978	3,678	1,284	2,286	0,158
1982	19,301	2,508	2,286	0,158
1983	20,825	2,649	17,206	0,970
1984	25,770	2,374	22,818	0,578
1985*	25,771	2,239	22,699	0,833

* There were 24,616,395 cheque cards in issue at the end of 1985

Shah unit 'fit for Observer'

By Michael McCarthy

The presses used by Mr Eddy Shah to print his *Today* newspaper are capable of printing *The Observer*, the West German manufacturers said yesterday.

Lombro, *The Observer's* owners who took a 36 per cent stake in *Today* with a rescue operation six weeks ago, last week countered speculation that the Sunday newspaper might eventually find a home on Mr Shah's non-unionized presses by denying it was technically possible.

Mr Paul Spicer, for Lombro, said it had been ruled out after a feasibility study.

Yesterday, however, the manufacturers of Mr Shah's presses said that the operation was quite possible and presented no real technical difficulties.

Mr Shah bought his presses last year from M.A.N.-Roland Druckmaschinen of Augsburg. He purchased five Unimain 4/2 offset lithography presses and is currently believed to be using four of them, with one in storage, to print his 32-page tabloid.

Mr Carl-Heinz Kobe, a senior sales manager with M.A.N.-Roland, said that the Unimain 4/2 was capable of printing a newspaper of up to 48 pages broadsheet, which is the current size of *The Observer*, although sometimes the paper increases to 56 pages.

"Each press takes four webs, or reels," he said. "Each web can give you 32 pages in tabloid size or 16 pages in broadsheet. So the whole press can do 48 broadsheet pages without any problem."

The Observer's current Saturday-night print run of just under 800,000 copies could be handled by Mr Shah's presses, Mr Kobe went on.

"When the Unimain 4/2 is printing 48 pages broadsheet it can print 20,000 copies an hour," he said.

"So if all five of Mr Shah's presses were involved you could print 100,000 copies an hour. That would mean printing for eight hours for the complete run, but it can be done."

Long print runs for national papers are quite common: *The Sunday Times* print run lasts more than 10 hours.

But it is clear that if *The Observer* were to use Mr Shah's presses, which are sited at Poyle, near Heathrow airport, and Birmingham and Manchester, it would obviously mean running them at near-capacity on a Saturday night and would thus put in definite jeopardy the future of *Sunday Today*, the least successful part of Mr Shah's operation.

On the other hand, *The Observer* would have the possibility of printing in colour which may be a great advantage Sunday newspaper markets.

Speculation that Lombro might make the move has been heightened in the past week by the news that *The Observer* is planning to leave its St Andrew's Hill headquarters in the City, where its current presses stand idle for six days a week, for a new site in Battersea with no printing hall. The printing is to be contracted out.

'For Sale' boards warning

By Trudi McIntosh

Five London estate agents could face prosecution for erecting illegal For Sale signs, after a crackdown by Westminster City Council against the hundreds of boards lining its streets.

The council's planning committee has asked the Department of the Environment to issue a directive that estate agents must get planning permission to erect boards in the Bayswater conservation area, and Elgin and Sutherland Avenues.

The council has successfully prosecuted two estate agents for erecting illegal boards. The planning committee has written to more than 200 estate agents asking them to abide by the regulations.

Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of the planning and development committee, said yesterday that if the campaign was successful in the conservation areas, he would like to see it extended throughout Westminster.

He gave a warning that estate agents who disregard the regulations, which limit the number of For Sale or To Let boards to one per agent, would be prosecuted.

Divers in mud run were given chance to quit

Potential divers in the Army "mud run", in which one man died and two others collapsed with heat exhaustion, were offered the chance to drop out of the final selection phase, an MP said yesterday. But they chose to complete the programme.

Mr Peter Griffiths, Conservative MP for Portsmouth North, has called for on-the-spot medical supervision to prevent a repetition of the tragedy.

Sapper Vincent Anderson, from Bath, died on the run in diving suits at Horsea Island in Portsmouth harbour and John Cladingbowl, from Portchester, spent a fortnight in hospital.

Mr Griffiths was told in a letter from Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, that the men had opted to go ahead with the run. Mr Freeman would "look very closely" at the inquiry result.

£6,000 fines for two pop tapes pirates

A police raid at a factory in Rainham, Essex, uncovered 31,000 bogus cassettes, the largest number to be found in the United Kingdom, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Anthony Robinson, aged 42, of Halbutt Street, Dagenham, Essex, and Frederick Cockburn, aged 39, of Beech Gardens, Dagenham, pleaded guilty to conspiring to infringe musical copyright, and were said to have been making £500 a week by selling the fake cassettes in public houses and clubs for £2 each.

Mr Dorian Lovell-Pank, for the prosecution, said that detectives were convinced there was a "Mr Big" behind the operation, but so far they had been unable to identify him.

The two men were given six months jail sentences suspended for two years, and fined £6,000 each.

Elephant hunt

Police were searching for a missing pink elephant in Brighton yesterday as the Great British Beer Festival opened. The 4 ft high, 15-stone model was stolen from the pitch of Mr Ernest Price, a seafarer photographer.

World Chess Championship Kasparov triumph in fourth game

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

World champion Gary Kasparov yesterday won the fourth game of his title defence against Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov's profound manoeuvres drew praise from assembled grandmasters on Monday and at the end of the first session of play it was clear that the world champion was in a dominating position.

Kasparov had sealed the crushing move 41 a6 after which the past white pawn would not be prevented from promoting to a queen.

On Monday, the opening, a Nimzowitsch Indian defence, saw a new defensive play by Karpov on the fifth move.

This led to a situation where Kasparov enjoyed the advantage of two bishops against his opponent's knight, but in exchange White's pawns on the queen's flank were shattered and exposed to attack.

Nevertheless, by means of some wonderfully subtle manoeuvres with his queen from moves 18-20, Kasparov set up immense pressure on Karpov's fortress.

On the 21st move Kasparov's thrust with his bishop left Black completely disorganized and by move 28 the Black forces had been driven back all along the line.

It was not long before what appears to be a decisive material gain took place on the 31st move. At this stage Karpov only had three minutes left to reach the time control at move 40.

Black was not only a pawn down, but threatened with imminent invasion of his vulnerable second rank by White's rooks. Kasparov sealed his 41st move. Experts predicted that both 41 b4 (a cautious move) and 41 a6 (more aggressive) should be sufficient to win.

At 4.33pm yesterday Stewart Reuben, the match committee secretary, announced the resignation of Karpov.

Kasparov now leads with the only win. There have been three draws.

Moves in the fourth game on Monday:

White	Black	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50																												
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Four hold lead in British contest

After seven rounds in the British Chess Championship in Southampton, four players: Michael Adams, aged 14, and Jonathan Mestel, Murray Chandler, and Jonathan Speelman, are leading with 5½ points each (Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, writes).

Mestel and Chandler played a steady draw. Speelman won against Jim Plaskett in a highly tactical game in which Plaskett failed to find the correct moves, and young Michael Adams played a mature game winning with the black pieces against William Watson.

In the ladies contest, Susan Arkell, Droitwich, is ahead with 6½ points followed by Christine Flear from Leicester on 5 and Regina Gruenberg of West Germany on 4½.

Chess tournament turmoil surfaces

By Tim Jones

The furor, which centres on who will administer the game in future, had led Kasparov to allege that "world chess is run by an international chess mafia".

Mr Campomanes said that there had been "misunderstandings caused by an inadequacy of dissemination of proper documentation". It was a formula he reverted to frequently.

He was aware that Israel would not be able to compete in the Chess Olympiad later this year because it is being held in Dubai. He was also aware of the allegation that he needs the 10-block Arab vote to secure a further four year term as president. The Israelis, he said, understood the position.

Victor Korchnoi, the Soviet defector, who is ranked third among world chess players, said: "I shall not be going to Dubai and neither will many other grandmasters."

He asked Mr Alexander Sereda, leader of the Soviet chess delegation whether he was aware that just before coming to London, two of Kasparov's aides had been called up on military service. Mr Sereda said that he knew nothing of it.

Mr Campomanes's detractors accuse him of saving Karpov his crown by annulling the first match with Kasparov when it appeared the former champion was facing defeat through exhaustion.

The federation president parried questions about why he wanted the prize money for the match deposited in a Swiss bank. Mr Alex Cox, chairman of Batsford book publishers, who was acting as chairman, decreed some of the questions to be out of order.



Mr Campomanes, who is caught in the furor

Gurkhas recruited to carry drugs, jury told

Four British Army Gurkhas were recruited to smuggle drugs worth more than £180,000 into Britain, a court was told yesterday. Heroin and cannabis resin were hidden in secret suitcase compartments, it was alleged.

But customs officers at Heathrow Airport picked the riflemen out from a party of 80 Gurkhas returning from leave to Nepal, the hearing at Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told.

The accused soldiers are all members of the second battalion, King Edward the Seventh Gurkha Rifles, based at Church Crookham, near Aldershot.

Mr Henry Green, for the prosecution, said that one of the men, Purnabab Bahadur Gurung, aged 32, had 81.2 grams of heroin hidden in his luggage. The soldier then admitted he had another 52 grams "intentionally concealed", Mr Green said.

The Gurkhas claimed they were approached by a man in Nepal to take some suitcases back to England. He told them he would collect them from the barracks, the jury was told.

Riflemen Madan Kumar Shrestha, aged 26, Haure Rai, aged 32, and Rashamb Bahadur Gurung, aged 31, deny smuggling various amounts of cannabis resin worth a total of £28,700.

Riflemen Purnabab Gurung pleads not guilty to smuggling heroin worth a street value of £153,495.

The hearing continues today.

Cell hanging

George Richard Armitage, aged 33, who was serving four years for robbery, was found hanged in his cell at Preston prison on Monday night, the Home Office said yesterday. He was sentenced in November 1984.

Chippendale collection at Nostell Priory saved by heritage fund

By Peter Davenport

At a cost of little more than £6 million the finest collection of documented Chippendale furniture in the world has been secured for the nation. In the saleroom, the collection could have made up to £40 million.

The collection of more than 100 items is housed in Nostell Priory, near Wakefield, West Yorkshire. It faced being broken up for sale to settle tax liabilities on the death two years ago of the fourth Lord St Oswald.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has now agreed to purchase the furniture and some other works of art for £6.1 million. They will pass into the ownership of the National Trust which was given the house in 1952.

The arrangement will enable the present Lord St Oswald to settle outstanding tax liabilities of about £4 million after the death of his brother. The remainder will go

into a new charitable trust, the income of which will be devoted to the maintenance and management of Nostell Priory and its 2,700 acres of parkland.

Lady St Oswald said yesterday that if it had been offered in the salerooms they had been told the collection would have fetched between £20 million and £40 million.

"So we have given up at least £14 million. It was sorely tempting at times to take the money, especially in the winter when the house is cold."

"I kept thinking of all those dresses it would buy. Or you could be somewhere else in the sunshine or somewhere else in England and be absolutely comfortable."

"But my husband was determined to keep the collection together because of the strong family links and now we are delighted at the outcome," she said.

The money comes from the

special grant of £25 million given to the National Heritage Memorial Fund by the Department of the Environment last year to secure the future of three threatened country houses, Nostell Priory, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, and Weston Park, Staffordshire.

Yesterday's announcement marked the first of the schemes to be completed.

The details of the rescue package for Nostell Priory were given at the house yesterday by Lord St Oswald, Lord Charteris, chairman of the trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, and Dame Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the National Trust.

Lord Charteris said that the arrangement was "a triumph of good sense in the pursuit of what is best for the nation or, a little more formally, it is a damned good show."

Dame Jennifer said: "It would have been a tragedy if the collection had been split up, chair by chair, and sent to some museum here or there or across the Atlantic."

Lord and Lady St Oswald will continue to live in the house which was begun in 1773 by his ancestors and completed to a design by James Paine and Robert Adam. Thomas Chippendale's account for each piece of his furniture still survive in the house.

The collection includes a mahogany library table made in 1766 by Chippendale, a former apprentice carpenter on the estate, at a cost of £72 10s. It is regarded by many as his masterpiece.



Lord and Lady St Oswald at home yesterday



Luciano Pavarotti talking about his diet yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Tenor's battle with scales

The Italian opera singer, Luciano Pavarotti, sank his 20-stone bulk into the blue velvet upholstery of London's Savoy Hotel yesterday and spoke of his "calorie problem".

The tenor has been dieting in preparation for his only London appearance this year. "After 15 days, the result is great," he said.

"I don't have a sugar problem; I don't have cholesterol trouble. I just have a calorie

problem. If I take 2,000 calories, I am losing. If it's more, I am gaining."

He said that he would eat just a handful of rice three hours before taking the stage at Wembley tonight. Pavarotti was invited to appear by Harvey Goldsmith, the impresario who masterminded last year's Live Aid concert.

Critics have accused the singer's son from Modena of commercializing his voice, which many acclaim as the

finest in the world. But 9,000 people have paid £15 to £45 for tickets, and Wembley is sold out.

Asked how he felt about appearing at a sports venue, Pavarotti said: "I am a crazy pioneer. The only question is if I can be heard properly."

"Opera is made for small places, like Covent Garden. There is no doubt about that, but why can't we try something else? We are already on the moon, so why can't we

experiment?" This year, Pavarotti, aged 50, who started out as a footballer, celebrates his twenty-fifth anniversary in opera, and Wembley will allow him to perform before as large an audience as possible.

At Wembley, turning out with the Royal Philharmonic, he will sing a selection of the best-known tenor arias mixed with Neapolitan folk songs, accompanied by Andrea Griminelli, the flautist.

£150m is 'lost' in benefits payments

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

The Government is being urged to change the law for payment of social security benefits to accident victims, saving £150 million a year.

The National Audit Office reported yesterday that the Department of Health and Social Security had not fully investigated ways of recovering social security benefits from those awarded compensation for injuries through the courts.

Under the existing system injured people can receive both compensation and social security benefits.

A wrongdoer also can have the cost of his negligence met partly or fully from public funds.

Since 1978 governments have agreed that those who are responsible for accidents should not expect treatment under the NHS or cash benefits under the social security system.

In 1982 the Government announced it would bring in a law to cover these anomalies, but nothing has been done.

"The audit office estimates that if arrangements were made to recover benefits payable for up to five years from the date of the accident, the gain to social security funds would be in the region of £150 million per annum," the report says.

The Commons' all-party public accounts committee is expected to question DHSS ministers and officials in the next parliamentary session over the audit office's findings.

National Audit Office. Recovery of social security benefits when damages in tort are awarded (Stationery Office, £2.40 net).

Fears for safety of missing schoolgirl

By David Sapsted

Scotland Yard said yesterday that it was "extremely concerned" about the fate of Sheena Russell, aged 14, who has been missing from her home in south-east London since Monday morning.

The girl left her home in Bostall Lane, Plumstead, to go to an adventure playground.

Monday's police reconstruction of the disappearance of Miss Susannah Lamplugh, aged 25, a Fulham estate agent, has failed to produce any new leads in the hunt for either the young woman or the man called "Mr Kipper" whom she arranged to meet at a house.

Ms Barbara Ashworth, the mother of the murdered schoolgirl, Dawn Ashworth, yesterday appealed to the public to help find her

Blood in car link with missing wife

By David Sapsted

Traces of blood found at the home and in the abandoned car of Mr Robert Healey, who is believed to have faked suicide to cover his disappearance, match the group of his missing wife and step-daughter.

The result of detailed forensic tests has heightened fears that Greeba Healey, aged 40, and her daughter, Marie, aged 13, may be dead. They were last seen at lunchtime on Monday last week at their home in Stockport.

Brain-damage births rising

By David Sapsted

Babies are born with brain damage because of shortage of staff trained in reading foetal monitoring machines, Action for the Victims of Medical Accidents, a pressure group, said yesterday (Jill Sherman writes).

The group says that it is receiving more and more complaints relating to brain-damaged children, many of the cases appear to be caused from

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Pubs 'could boost tourism'

By Mark Ellis

Britain's tourist industry could be given a boost, creating up to 50,000 jobs if the liquor licensing laws are reformed to allow more flexible opening hours, the British Tourist Authority says.

Outdated licensing laws are an obstacle to the growing tourist industry in the face of foreign competition and the authority says reform is urgent and overdue.

A leaflet calling for a change of the laws, which were introduced as emergency measures during the First World War, has been sent to members of the Commons and the House of Lords by the authority in co-operation with the English and Welsh tourist boards.

Two key changes demanded are that licensees should be able to apply for the hours which best suit their trade within the limits of 10 am and midnight and that the sale of alcoholic drink should be permitted at any time in restaurants.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home

Secretary, said in May that there was a case for considering some relaxation of restrictions in the licensing laws, but it is believed the Government has no plans to legislate in the next parliamentary session this autumn.

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'Passion disappeared from lesbian affair'

Debbie Fox, a lesbian, told the Central Criminal Court yesterday that her former mistress lover repulsed her sexual advances for more than a year - although they still shared a bed.

Mrs Fox, giving evidence in the lesbian love triangle trial of Jayne Scott, a teacher of physical education, said the "passion" went out of their affair after Miss Scott's father died in July 1984.

At the end of a "platonic" year with Miss Scott, Mrs Fox, a credit controller, said she slept with another woman, the deputy head of Miss Scott's school, Sue Craker.

When Miss Scott found out, the prosecution alleges, she attacked Miss Craker, aged 35, with a claw hammer, crippling her.

Miss Scott, aged 30, of Croft Road, Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire, denies causing or assisting grievous bodily harm to Miss Craker on August 6 last year.

It is alleged that she rained blow after blow on her head while all three women were staying at Miss Craker's home in Barnet, north London.

The deputy head is now paralysed, brain-damaged and can speak only in stow, halting words.

Mrs Fox said that Miss Scott's enthusiasm for "the scene" disappeared at the time her father died.

Mr Richard Cherrill, for the defence, said: "It was Jayne Scott who brought the sexual side of the relationship to an end by repulsing your

advances?" Mrs Fox replied: "Yes."

Mr Cherrill suggested: "When you met Susan Craker, you told Scott you found her attractive. Although you said it with some levity, it had a serious content which she must have appreciated?" Mrs Fox replied: "Yes."

Mrs Fox said it was correct that Miss Scott reacted with "some amusement" when she was told of the attraction.

The court has been told that Miss Craker and Miss Scott worked together at Slough and Eton secondary school.

Mrs Fox said that although the atmosphere during the weekend of the alleged attack was slightly tense, there was quite a lot of joviality with all three joking and laughing. She had been helping to decorate a house in Barnet inherited by Miss Craker.

Miss Scott told police someone else must have attacked Miss Craker while Mrs Fox was out, Mr John Hilton, for the prosecution, said.

Miss Craker's nephew, Mr Ian Schofield, who lived next door in Abbots Road, Barnet, described Mrs Fox knocking at his door seeming a hit upset but not in shock.

He went with her to his aunt's home where Miss Scott, who also looked upset, opened the door. The two women said Miss Craker was in the living room.

Mr Schofield said he saw his aunt on the floor with her legs moving slightly and heard "groans and gurgles". She was wearing a blouse and knickers. The case continues.

A1 victim is hit by 6 vehicles

A woman died after being hit by at least four cars and two lorries on the A1 road near Doncaster, police said yesterday.

She was seen by a motorist lying on the northbound carriageway at Spoutbrough as three cars ran over her.

While waiting for the emergency services, more cars and goods vehicles hit the body.

South Yorkshire police said it was believed to be that of a woman aged 43 missing from Wheatley.

£100 reward for statues

A £100 reward is being offered by the Gloucestershire-based magazine, *Cotswold Life*, to anyone who knows the whereabouts of 12 stone statues of figures such as Joan of Arc and Boadicea which used to stand at Cheltenham's ladies college.

Mr Anthony Siddall, the college bursar, said yesterday that there are rumours that they were buried in the grounds just before the last war for safe keeping or they may have been taken away from the college completely.

Branson boat cut adrift

Police are looking for four men and a woman who rowed out to the record-breaking Atlantic Challenger at her berth in Swansea early yesterday, stole two fenders and cut her adrift. No one was on board.

A local yachtsman who saw the incident powered the £1.5 million power boat and raised the alarm. The Atlantic Challenger, owned by Mr Richard Branson, is on a courtesy tour of British ports.

Teenagers set alight by squaring lighter over him

A gang of teenagers who set fire to a boy aged five by squaring lighter over him was being hunted by police yesterday.

An afternoon in the park almost ended in disaster for David Henley, who was burnt when the gang used a gas lighter held as a flame-thrower.

The boy was playing in Barn Cottage recreation field, just yards from his home in Haywards Heath, Sussex, when the incident happened on Monday.

Last night his mother, Mrs Sally Henley, demanded action to catch the teenagers whom she said may have been sniffing the lighter gas.

"I was standing in the road, just a few yards from the park when David came running over with his hair all burnt, she said.

Doctor fined £7,000 for claims fraud

A doctor who claimed expenses for postnatal visits he did not make was fined £7,000, with £3,000 costs, at Lincoln Crown Court yesterday.

Mainuddin Ahmed, who made almost £4,000 from the claims, was told by Judge Wilcox: "You knew full well what the regulations were, but from the very start you maximized the profit you made."

Ahmed, aged 55, who practices from a surgery in Newark Road, Lincoln, was convicted on 17 sample charges of false accounting.

Mr Brian Walsh, QC, for the prosecution, said that Ahmed regularly claimed for five postnatal visits but in most cases visited only once and occasionally never.

Mr Bernard Whitfield, for the defence, said that Ahmed's future was in the hands of the General Medical Council.

Baby trade plan from US

The head of a surrogate agency yesterday flew to the United States to launch a transatlantic baby trade.

Miss Lorrie Finlay, aged 38, of Haycastle, Haverfordwest, Dyfed, who is being investigated by the Director of Public Prosecutions, is hoping to find surrogate mothers for seven childless British couples, at a cost of £13,000 each.

Hives branded

Bee rustlers have been so busy in the Midlands that Warwickshire bee keepers are using handring irons on hives to stop them being stolen.

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45-49	2,486	2,523	2,686	2,486	
50-54	2,452	2,488	2,652	2,452	
55-59	2,418	2,453	2,618	2,418	
60-64	2,384	2,418	2,584	2,384	
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29-34	7,654	7,705	7,654	7,654	
35-39	7,647	7,699	7,647		
40-44	7,571	7,623	7,571		
45-49	7,526	7,578	7,526		
50-54	7,481	7,533	7,481		
55-59	7,436	7,488	7,436		
60-64	7,391	7,443	7,391		
65-69	7,346	7,398	7,346		
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Police feel confused in dealings with black suspects, report says

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Friction between the police and black communities has left some officers confused over whether they should take action over black suspects, according to a Home Office study published yesterday.

The report, on the day-to-day encounters between the police and public, notes that officers can build up stereotypes about the people.

"One classic example is the assumption that West Indian youths ransacking or carrying a bag are up to no good," it says.

A number of officers seemed to avoid contact with black suspects - and by extension with other black people - because they were aware how sensitive this could be.

"They felt genuinely confused as to just what was expected of them. Should they turn a blind eye for fear of provoking a riot if they stopped a black suspect? Or should they risk being called racists for pursuing them?"

Researchers were told that officers might avoid contact with ethnic minorities "to avoid the dilemma, especially where there might be hostility which could lead to complaints about their behaviour".

To gather material for the study, Home Office observers went with officers as they patrolled the streets or responded to calls.

The observers watched how the officers at six stations in London, the West Midlands and Avon and Somerset approached the public.

They witnessed incidents or attitudes by which the police were themselves likely to provoke racial problems although generally the observers saw little sign of overt racism.

In one instance a woman police constable referred to a suspect as a "wog" within his hearing and on other occasions officers disliked the lack of deference shown to them by young blacks.

The report calls for fresh approaches in police training and the realization that better police/public attitudes will be achieved not only by classroom training but standards of working practices.

Looking at the reasons for which the police and public meet, the researchers discovered that burglary reports or investigations accounted for nearly 10 per cent of all encounters. They represented the largest single category, 13 per cent, of all meetings initiated by the public.

But checks on pedestrians or traffic made up the largest category of police-initiated meetings with the public at 12 per cent of all the incidents.

The report points out that such encounters give the police considerable power over the public which creates ill-feelings if mismanaged.

Traffic policing has great potential for improving or damaging public relations and more study of traffic policing is needed.

While the police often emphasize that they provide a 24-hour crisis service for the public, the research showed that often the police were not equipped to offer much help.

There should be better relationships with social workers otherwise the service the police provide lacks any value in the long-term.



Some of Britain's most promising women jockeys raised their hats to City financier Mr Terry Ramsden in London yesterday after learning that his company would sponsor hurdle races for women riders later this year (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

'Mole' to lay pipes may save millions

By Angella Johnson

Scientists believe that they have found a way to save local authorities millions of pounds on renewing decaying inner city Victorian sewers, without the need for excavations and road works.

The method, known as trenchless muling, is being studied by a team of engineers at Bradford University.

The technique uses a torpedo-shaped mechanical "mole" which is inserted through a manhole. The equipment is then pushed along the pipe by compressed air and because the "mole" is larger it smashes the old pipe as it goes along.

A new pipe follows the "mole" and is immediately jacked in as a replacement before the structure collapses.

Professor Stuart Littlejohn, of the university's school of civil and structural engineering, is leading the research team. He says that the process will greatly reduce the cost of repairing old sewers, and prevent traffic congestion caused by the usual method of digging up roads to lay new pipes.

The project is primarily concerned with the pipe-jacking techniques used with clay pipes, which last longer under ground.

Professor Littlejohn says: "Work of this kind is an excellent example of the way universities are having a direct and beneficial effect, through research, on the economy of the country. Once the techniques are fully developed, we will be able to save town planners millions of pounds."

"It can also be used in the laying of new water pipes and I anticipate a saving of at least one third of the current cost of such work."

Battle to keep barn in England

A High Court judge has stopped the export to the United States of an historic farm building.

For 500 years the cruck-framed barn has stood at Stagbath Farm, near Leominster, Hereford and Worcester, but a few days ago council officials discovered that the listed building had been taken down without permission.

Yesterday, Mr Christopher Campbell, chief planning officer of Leominster District Council, said that they had obtained a temporary injunction preventing SPS Shipping and British Historic Buildings from exporting the barn timbers to the United States.

The barn was one of the rarest and finest examples of its type in the county and had been mentioned in a Royal Commission survey of historic monuments in Herefordshire in 1930, he said.

Clampdown starts on motor tax dodgers

Britain's road tax dodgers are cheating the Government of £12,500 every minute of the year.

But now the Department of Transport is launching a drive against the cheating motorists, and expects to get back more than £20 million in fines.

The department's campaign was launched in Essex yesterday when police issued a warning that they were beginning a two-week special check, and would show no mercy.

The vehicle licensing centre computer at Swansea, South Wales, has calculated there are 27,000 untaxed vehicles on the county's roads, equivalent to a £2.7 million a year loss of revenue.

A similar swoop on vehicles in Essex four years ago netted 1,300 guilty motorists, and produced a rush for an extra 20,000 tax discs.

Some post offices ran out of supplies after ovens of the clampdown spread.

Supt Mike Benning, head of Essex traffic police, said yesterday: "We have heard all the excuses before, but we are making no exceptions.

"We stop an average of 2,500 cars a month, and our patrols have been alerted to look out for unlicensed vehicles. We will be setting up special check points on busy roundabouts and anyone breaking the law will be prosecuted."

The Essex campaign, which is costing £37,000, includes advertisements on local radio, buses and in local newspapers, backed up by roadside posters. Leaflets will be pushed through the letter-boxes of half a million homes.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said: "We owe it to honest motorists who pay their tax to catch and penalize those who do not. I am sure the campaign will prove effective."

Girl of 16 in second escape

A girl aged 16 on a serious abduction charge has absconded for a second time from the care of Sheffield social services.

At Thames Magistrates' Court on July 31, Mr Peter Budge, remanded the girl to a semi-secure home and expressed concern that she had been able to escape from the children's home she had been placed in four days earlier.

He called for an explanation from the director of Sheffield social services and gave a warning that if he was still not satisfied he would summons the director to appear in court.

Yesterday the court was told that the girl - accused of abducting and detaining a woman for the purposes of prostitution - had disappeared for the second time on Saturday night.

A different magistrate, Mr Williams, issued a warrant for her arrest.

A co-defendant, aged 30, from Sheffield, was remanded in custody for a week.

Teenager's heart-lung operation

A girl aged 16 successfully underwent a heart-lung transplant at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, yesterday.

The four-hour operation on Ursula Dawry, of St Osyth, near Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, was carried out by Mr John Wallwork, who has made the previous 13 double transplants at the hospital.

It was the second transplant at Papworth in 26 hours. On Monday, a man in his fifties from the Midlands received a new heart.

Mr John Edwards, spokesman for the Papworth Hospital heart transplant programme, said: "Both patients are satisfactory."

The girl's parents, Edward and Elizabeth Dawry, who were celebrating their silver wedding anniversary yesterday, said: "We are pleased and glad the operation is over and successful."

They also thanked the nurses and doctors at the Colchester Hospital and the Brompoo Hospital for their care of their daughter, a pupil at St Benedict's School, Colchester.

7,000 mourn priest who built airport

Political and church leaders were among 7,000 mourners who attended the funeral of Monsignor James Horan at Knock in the Irish Republic yesterday.

The priest, aged 74, who died during a visit to the Marian Shrine at Lourdes, France, on Friday, was buried at Knock Basilica, 12 miles from Knock airport, the £12 million project he inspired.

The Irish Roman Catholic leader, Cardinal Tomas O Fiach, an archbishop and 14 bishops were among celebrants at a requiem Mass.

Mr Jim Mitchell, Minister for Communications, a stern critic of Knock's "papal airport" project, was among official representatives at the funeral.

Special transport was laid on to Knock, including a flight from Dublin to the controversial Connaught regional airport, constructed by the determination of Mr Horan in the face of government resistance.

The air centre was formally opened just two months ago after Mr Horan raised £3 million from private investors for its completion after the withdrawal of government funding.

War bomb blasts dredger

A dredging vessel nearly sank after a wartime bomb exploded in its suction pipe while working off the Norfolk coast on Monday night.

The crews of lifeboats steamed the flow of water into the 2,200-ton dredger, Arco Tees, as it drifted helplessly.

"It's a miracle no one died," Mr Benny Read, coxswain of the volunteer lifeboat at Caister, near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, said.

"Our men were pumping out the engine-room, surrounded by rushing water, working by torchlight, and not knowing if the bulkheads would collapse and the sea rush in and drown them."

The Arco Tees is now anchored in shallow water off the Suffolk coast, while its owners, Arc Marine, of Southampton, seek permission for it to be towed to a harbour.

"If it had been empty, the force would have torn it apart," Richard Hawkins, coxswain of the lifeboats at Great Yarmouth, said.

Mr Ken Lynn, aged 52, of Paignton, Devon, who was scalded by boiling water, was the only one of 11 men on board to be injured.

War-time bombs and mines are hazards in the area. Normally they are brought up in the nets of fishing vessels, which promptly release them and mark the spot for Royal Navy bomb disposal experts.

Court of Appeal

Doctor's inexperience no defence to negligence

Wilsher v Essex Area Health Authority

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Glidewell

[Judgment given July 24]

The law required of a junior hospital doctor the same standard of care as was expected of his more senior colleagues, and inexperience could not be a defence to an action for medical negligence.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority, dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Essex Area Health Authority, from a decision of Mr Justice Paine who on December 21, 1984 gave judgment in the sum of £116,199 for the plaintiff, Martin Graham Wilsher, an infant suing by his mother and next friend, Heather Marjorie Wilsher.

Mr Ian Kennedy, QC and Mr Stephen Miller, for the defendants; Mr Stuart McKinnon, QC and Mr James Badenoch for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that the plaintiff was born nearly three months prematurely, on December 14, 1978. His prospects of survival were very low and for more than 11 weeks he needed extra oxygen. He lingered close to death and there was always present the spectre of brain damage.

Yet today he was alive and well with his intellect unimpaired due to the treatment which he received during his long stay in the special care baby unit in the Princess Alexandra Hospital at Harlow, Essex.

Sadly he was nearly blind. He suffered from retrolental fibroplasia, an incurable condition of the retina which was said to have been caused by an excess of oxygen tension in his bloodstream during the early weeks, attributable to a want of proper skill and care in the management of his oxygen supply.

When the plaintiff was born, a house officer in the special care baby unit who had qualified in 1974, promptly began the usual procedures for a baby so premature but he made a mistake and inserted the arterial catheter into a vein instead of an artery.

It was not suggested that that amounted to actionable negligence since it was an error which competent doctors could and from time to time did commit.

The monitor was connected and electronic readings taken. For the whole of the next 24 hours the doctors who were called in did not recognize that the wrong blood was being investigated.

The error was eventually detected on December 17 when the baby had been supposed to have oxygen for several hours. The cutwaxer was changed again, this time into an artery and the blood gas samples therefore became a more reliable guide.

It was alleged that there were also a number of isolated occasions during the succeeding weeks when the blood gas figures were excessive and that the intervals between the taking of the blood samples were too long.

The judge held that the defendants gave no adequate reasons for not taking more frequent readings and had failed to displace the inference that in the absence of additional analysis the baby had to be taken to have suffered high oxygen tensions for excessive periods.

A problem in cases of the present kind was that if the unit had not been there the plaintiff would probably have died. The doctors and nurses worked all kinds of hours to look after the baby and safely brought it through the perilous shoals of its early life.

They probably far surpassed on numerous occasions the standard of reasonable care. Yet it was said that for one lapse they were to be held liable in damages.

Nothing could criticize the mother for doing her best to secure her son's financial future. Although it formed no part of the defendant's argument, there was the rhetorical question whether the law had taken a wrong turning if an action of this kind was to succeed.

It was not acceptable crudely to say that the plaintiff should be considered fortunate to be alive and that he had to take the rough with the smooth. Nor was there any practicable system of liability which would enable a professional man to say that so long as he had provided an adequate service on average, he should not be held liable for occasions when his performance fell below the norm.

The risk which actions for professional negligence brought to the public as a whole, in the shape of an instinct on the part of the professional man to play for safety were serious and well recognized.

But the proper response could not be to temper the wind to the professional man. If he assumed to perform a task, he had to bring to it the appropriate care and skill.

What the courts could do however, was to bear constantly in mind that in those situations which called for the exercise of judgment, the fact that in retrospect the choice actually made should be shown to have turned out badly was not in itself proof of negligence, and to remember that the duty of care was not the warranty of a perfect result.

What was the standard of care demanded of those members of the medical and nursing staff who were said to have been negligent? The notion of a duty tailored to the actor rather than to the act which he elected to perform had no place in the law of tort. The defendants could not justify it by any reported authority in the general law of tort.

Instead they suggested that the medical profession was a special case and public medicine had always been organized so that young doctors and nurses learned on the job. If the

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Extradition on theft charges

Regina v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Herbage (No 3)

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Orlin

[Judgment given July 30]

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Counts 9 through 23 alleged that the applicant mailed to investors in the USA false statements of their accounts.

Counts 24 and 25 alleged that he caused cheques to be transported to interstate and foreign commerce from Florida through places within and outside the USA knowing that they had been taken and covered by fraud.

The indictment alleged that counts 1 through 23 charged offences in violation of section 1341 of Title 18 of the United States Code. Counts 24 and 25 were expressed to be contrary to section 2314 of the code.

The US Department of Justice formally requested the applicant's extradition on November 8, 1985.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department issued orders to proceed directed to the Metropolitan Specially Master at Bow Street for the surrender of the applicant accused of obtaining property by deception, false accounting, and handling stolen goods.

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Banning governors from meeting

Lockett and Another v Croydon London Borough Council

Regulation 11(3)(a) of the Education (School Governing Bodies) Regulations (SI 1981 No 809) and the Schedule to those Regulations, made pursuant to powers conferred by the Education Act 1980 did not provide an exhaustive and exclusive list of the circumstances in which a school governor had to withdraw from any governors' meeting.

The judge had refused to grant both governors a declaration that paragraph 13(a) of Schedule 1 to the Primary, Secondary and Special Schools (Instrument of Government) Order 1981 made by the Croydon Local Education Authority under the Education Act 1980 and which was subject to the 1981 Regulations was unlawful.

That paragraph provided, *inter alia*, that a teacher in a school under the control of the authority who was a governor in the school should withdraw from any governors' meeting when there was being considered the appointment of a person to a post at the school senior to that held by the teacher concerned.

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After the summit: attack on UK ● Tokyo, Bonn view sanctions ● the differences

Gandhi says Britain sullied its record on human rights

By Mark Dowd

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, yesterday said Britain had sullied its record on human rights by failing to join the six other nations in recommending Commonwealth sanctions against South Africa.

"Britain has always stood for human rights, for dignity, for democracy, and we see now that Britain is compromising those basic values for some economic gain," he said. "We do not believe you can trade one off for another."

This compromising of principles, he said, was a clear indication that Britain was losing its leading position in the Commonwealth.

Nevertheless, he rejected reports which appeared in Delhi last week that India would consider the withdrawal of its "most favoured nation" status towards Britain if Mrs Thatcher did not support the call for more comprehensive measures.

"We have not succumbed. It is for Britain to decide what role it wants to play. If Britain cannot get the pulse of the Commonwealth, the pulse of people right across the world, then Britain cannot retain that leadership."

The Indian Prime Minister's mood was one of sadness rather than outright anger, a mood shared by President Kaunda of Zambia.

"For me, it's a sad day when

the Commonwealth organization can fail to act unanimously on an issue of this grave importance because a British Prime Minister has failed to realize the importance of this critical hour," he said.

"Mrs Thatcher cut a very pathetic figure at that summit, very pathetic indeed," he said. "Somewhere once called her the Iron Lady and she is seeking to confirm that reputation."

Extending generous praise for the work of the British Foreign Secretary, he described the briefing given by Sir Geoffrey Howe on Sunday as "fantastic". What he could not understand was that Sir Geoffrey could deliver a report like that and yet not be in favour of stronger action.

any decision would be deferred until the meeting of the front-line states, scheduled to take place in Luanda within the next two weeks.

No further clues, however, were given on President Kaunda's Sunday proposal to create a Commonwealth sanctions co-ordinating committee. He would not say if he had discussed the plan with Mr Hawke and Mr Mulrooney.

Despite his pre-summit threats of abandoning the Commonwealth if Mrs Thatcher did not agree to comprehensive sanctions, he said: "In no way would it be a reasonable decision for Zambia to leave."

● HARARE: Regular commercial flights continued yesterday between South Africa and two black-ruled neighbouring states that have agreed to ban all air links with the republic (AP reports).

President Kaunda was asked whether Zambia would withdraw landing and over-flight facilities employed by Britain to its air links with South Africa. He replied that

Minerals ban least hurt to UK

From Jonathan Brande

Britain would suffer less than other European countries from an EEC ban on coal, iron and steel imports from South Africa which was offered by Mrs Thatcher to Commonwealth leaders on Monday in lieu of wider British participation in sanctions.

New EEC Statistical Office figures for 1985 show that West Germany and Italy were the main markets for South African minerals.

Britain imported coal worth 63.6 million European currency units (€43.2 million), compared with Italy's 340 million Ecu and West Germany's 181 million Ecu.

Denmark, which has now decided to impose its own sanctions on South Africa, last year imported nearly three times as much South African coal as did Britain.

West Germany's import of South African iron and steel amounted to 147 million Ecu, compared with Britain's total of 44.5 million Ecu. France and Italy also imported more iron and steel from South Africa than did Britain.

Britain's imports of gold coins from South Africa were negligible compared with the 98 million Ecu worth purchased by West Germany.

The balance of overall trade in goods between Britain and South Africa tipped in Pretoria's favour last year for the first time.

At the same time, South Africa improved its balance of trade with all EEC member nations. At 83 million Ecu, Britain's net deficit in trade with South Africa was still small compared with that of Italy or Belgium, but compared badly with the 507 million Ecu surplus of the previous year.

Of the other EEC nations, only West Germany, The Netherlands and Ireland have a net trade surplus with South Africa.

Pretoria tells black welfare worker to go

Pretoria (AFP) — A Swedish woman deeply involved in working for black welfare has been told to leave South Africa after seven weeks in police cells because, she was told, "your sort are not needed in the country."

Mrs Annika van Gyliswyk, aged 55, was chairwoman of the Pretoria branch of the Black Sash, a women's civil rights organization which helped blacks through the maze of apartheid legislation.

She was arrested on June 15 and freed after 46 days in solitary confinement.

Police told her: "Leave, or we'll keep you in prison for 180 days, then charge you." She plans to leave South Africa on Friday.

Warning to Austrians

Vienna (Reuters) — Austria has warned its citizens not to travel to Zambia after an Austrian woman was detained there on suspicion of spying for South Africa and tortured, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the woman, aged 30, was arrested in the northern town of Kasama and held for three weeks. He said that on July 11 she signed a confession under torture of spying for South Africa and returned to Austria last week.

Nordic move

Helsinki (Reuters) — The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson, said yesterday that the Nordic countries might decide early next week to impose a total trade embargo on South Africa in protest against apartheid.

Japan would stick to boycott

From A Correspondent

Japan's industry may kick a new round of tougher trade sanctions on South Africa, but the Government is almost certain to follow the United States and Europe should they decide on tough co-ordinated action against Pretoria.

Fears that Japan, the second most important trade partner with South Africa after the United States, will jump into any trade gap created by new sanctions are unfounded, Japanese Government officials said yesterday.

If Japan agrees sanctions with Washington and Brussels, Japanese firms will have to abide by the same restrictions as the others, they said.

However, Japan will certainly not take further independent action against South Africa, according to western diplomats in Tokyo.

On Sunday senior Japanese officials brushed aside a plea from Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, for strong independent action. They told him that Japanese policy is to seek a concerted international response.

Figures for 1984 show that South African exports to Japan totalled \$1,763 billion (€1.75 bn) and that Japan accounted for 15.5 per cent of South Africa's \$16.36 billion of imports. This compared with 19 per cent for the United States, 18.7 per cent for West

Germany and 13.3 per cent for Britain.

In the same year Japan took 14 per cent of South African exports, excluding gold, against 15.9 per cent for the United States and less than 10 per cent each for West Germany and Britain.

Last year, Japanese trade with South Africa dropped to slightly more than 10 per cent of the total. But Pretoria supplies Japan with about 10 per cent of its coal and iron ore

Breakdown of major Japanese exports to and imports from South Africa, in millions of dollars:		
	1985	1984
Export total	1,020	1,840
Chemicals	53	117
Textiles	50	59
Metal products	101	149
Machinery	723	1,370
Import total	1,840	1,610
Foodstuffs	328	301
Fuels (inc coal)	413	420
Iron and steel	192	168
Non-fer. metal	290	309
Gold	25	61

requirements, and buys vast amounts of Japanese machinery. Japan, with the rest of the industrialized world, buys many rare metals from South Africa which are essential to its industry.

Government officials said that they might have problems in persuading their industry to switch suppliers for the coal and iron while Japanese producers of machinery and plant will be upset about having to give up such a lucrative market.

Tokyo already forbids direct investment and loans to South Africa, and has banned the sale of computers there, advised the private sector not to import kruggerands, and has blocked cultural and sporting contacts.

In inflation-adjusted terms, long-term Japanese trade with South Africa appears to be stagnating after a peak in the mid-1970s. Official figures show that total trade last year amounted to \$2.86 billion, compared with \$1.75 billion in 1975, and only \$268 million in 1965.

Tutu calls for decisive action

Hiroshima (AP) — Bishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop of Johannesburg, said yesterday he was relieved that Britain had offered limited sanctions. But the world must intervene decisively to prevent more violence, he said.

In Japan to mark the 41st anniversary of the atomic

bombing, he criticized Mrs Thatcher, President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany for having "protected the South African Government against the consequences of its actions," he said. "In effect (they) have been saying all along that blacks are expendable."

which we called in paragraph 2 of the Nassau Accord, we stand ready to review the situation and to rescind the measures we have adopted if appropriate; and to contribute in all ways open to us, to an orderly transition to social, economic and political justice in South Africa and to peace and stability in Southern Africa as a whole.

15. On the other hand, we are equally mindful of our further commitment at Nassau that if in a reasonable time even these further measures have not had the desired effect, still further effective measures will have to be considered. We trust that the authorities in Pretoria will recognize the seriousness of our resolve. Acts of economic or other aggression against neighbouring states by way of retaliation or otherwise will activate that resolve.

16. Regretting the absence of full agreement but recognizing that the potential for united Commonwealth action still exists, we agree that the seven governments will keep

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8. Accordingly, in the light of our review and of our agreement at Nassau, we have considered the adoption of further measures against the background of the EPG's conclusion that the absence of effective economic pressure on South Africa and the belief of the South African authorities that it need not be feared are actually deferring change. We acknowledge that the Commonwealth cannot stand by and allow the cycle of violence to spiral, but must take effective concerted action.

9. We are agreed that one element of such action must be the adoption of further measures designed to impress on the authorities in Pretoria the compelling urgency of dismantling apartheid and eradicating the system of racial discrimination in South Africa.

10. In doing so, we have looked particularly at the measures listed in paragraph 7 of the Accord which some of us at Nassau had already indicated a willingness to include in any consideration of further measures. But we have looked as well to other measures under consideration elsewhere. In deciding on the adoption of further measures, we recognize that if they are to

have maximum effect they should be part of a wider programme of international action.

The British Government's position is set out in paragraph 12. The rest

'Sanctions' are a moral imperative

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(a) the adoption of further substantial economic measures against South Africa is a moral and political imperative to which a positive response can no longer be deferred.

(b) we ourselves will therefore adopt the following measures and commend them to the rest of the Commonwealth and the wider international community for urgent adoption and implementation:

(i) all the measures listed in paragraph 7 of the Nassau Accord, namely:

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e) the termination of all government assistance to investment in, and trade with, South Africa,

f) a ban on all government procurement in South Africa,

g) a ban on government contracts with majority-owned South African companies, and

h) a ban on the promotion of tourism to South Africa and

(ii) the following additional measures:

a) a ban on all new bank loans to South Africa, whether to the public or private sectors,

b) a ban on the import of uranium, coal, iron and steel from South Africa, and

c) the withdrawal of all consular facilities in South Africa except for our own nationals and nationals of third countries to whom we render consular services.

(c) While expressing both concern and regret that the British Government does not join in our agreement, we note its intention to proceed with the measures mentioned in paragraph 12 below.

(d) We feel, however, that we must do more. We look beyond the Commonwealth to the wider international community. We will, therefore, immediately embark on intensive consultations with the international community with a view to securing concerted international action in the coming months, our emphasis being on those countries that presently sustain a significant level of economic relations with South Africa.

12. The British Government, while taking a different view on the likely impact of economic sanctions, declares that it will:

(i) put a voluntary ban on new investment in South Africa,

(ii) put a voluntary ban on the promotion of tourism to South Africa, and

(iii) accept and implement any EEC decision to ban the import of coal, iron, and steel and of gold coins from South Africa.

13. As a further element of our collective commitment to effective action, we have requested the Secretary-General with assistance from our governments, to co-ordinate the implementation of the agreed measures and to identify such adjustment as may be necessary in Commonwealth countries affected by them.

14. We renew the call we made at Nassau and the authorities in Pretoria to initiate, in the context of a suspension of violence on all sides, a process of dialogue across lines of colour, politics and religion with a view to establishing a non-racial and representative government in a united and non-fragmented South Africa. If Pretoria responds positively to this call and takes the other steps for

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US military police were called to Gurkhas' brawl at Hawaiian base

By David Bonavia in Hong Kong and Nicholas Beeston

US military police were called in to stop a fight between Gurkha soldiers and their officer near Honolulu, a US Army spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Stewart Diamond, the spokesman, said in Hawaii that the fight broke out at the Schofield army barracks on the night of May 27.

"The US military police were called in to stop the fight between the officer and the Gurkhas, which occurred at a training field on the base," he said. "But the scuffle was finished by the time the MPs arrived, and the British said they would handle the matter internally."

The Ministry of Defence said that before the scuffle the Gurkha troops had complained about inadequate rations of rice during the training exercise and of poor pay allowances during their stay in Hawaii.

Mr Diamond said that it was unusual for foreign troops to fight while on exercise in Hawaii, but added that it would not jeopardize future manoeuvres.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said that the incident happened at a party given by the men to celebrate the end of the exercise.

The officers were said to be "slightly abrupt" when they tried to clear a bar, but there was no question of the soldiers having been drunk.

"Although Gurkhas are very disciplined, they are human beings and they do let their hair down," he said.

The British Army major injured in the fight has returned to his battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment, the spokesman said.

He said that Major Corin Pearce, who was seconded to the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles in February 1984, was posted back to Britain by the Army "in light of the incident in Hawaii".

Almost the entire company of Gurkhas under Major Pearce's command, 111 men out of 136, has been discharged.

Half of the dismissed soldiers have been repatriated to Nepal on an RAF VC-10, after the mysterious fight, which broke out during a training exercise.

Major Pearce and a Gurkha captain suffered cracked ribs and cuts to the head during the brawl.

The Ministry of Defence said initially that only 18 Gurkhas were held after the fight, but that virtually the whole company was dismissed when other troops refused to co-operate with officers investigating the incident.

An Army source in Hong Kong said yesterday that the breach of discipline, unprecedented in the history of the Gurkhas, had not affected morale, and added that there was anger in Nepalese villages that Gurkha soldiers should attack an officer.

The attitude of Gurkha officers serving in Hong Kong was described as sanguine, and the Army does not foresee any problems in recruiting replacements for the dismissed soldiers.



Princess Caroline of Monaco and her Italian-born husband, Mr Stefano Casiraghi, with their second child, Charlotte Marie Pomeline, who weighed 6lb 8oz when she was born on Sunday evening. Their son, Andrea, was born in June 1984.

Syrian test for Shia Beirut

From Robert Fisk Beirut

The much publicized and much photographed entry of Lebanese and Syrian troops into the Shia Muslim southern suburbs of Beirut has proved painfully disappointing to those Lebanese who thought that the deployment might prove to be a turning-point in the recent history of their city.

The soldiers turned up just as they said they would, and the press came along to take pictures of them.

The Syrian troops stood in the Bouje el-Barajneh Square draped in machine-gun ammunition belts, and the Lebanese soldiers dutifully ordered a few selected motorists to open the boots of their cars. But then they were gone.

Save for a few dozen members of the Lebanese Army's Sixth Brigade and a clutch of Syrian paratroopers, the Syrian security plan evaporated from the southern suburbs

Three Armenians belonging to the Asala terrorist organization have been released from a French prison and expelled to Beirut (Susan MacDonald writes from Paris).

They were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for their part in the seizing of some 50 hostages at the Turkish consulate in Paris in 1981.

The assault resulted in the death of a Turkish guard.

A fourth man involved in the attack hanged himself in his prison cell in 1985.

almost as swiftly as it appeared.

The gunmen of the Hezbollah (Party of God) and Amal had left the streets, but there was no sign of the three remaining American hostages whom the Syrians claim they wish to release, nor any sign of anything remotely lawful.

The posters on the walls contained only the portraits of

recent "martyrs": the only objects the Syrians received were flowers, handed over obsequiously to the paratroopers by sturdy young men.

Nevertheless, the Syrian Army and security services now have a hold on one of the strongest Shia districts of Beirut.

They may not be near the hostages — perhaps they do not wish to be at the moment — nor do they appear yet to have penetrated any of the more subterranean organizations that exist there.

Where, for example, is the "Unified Nasserite Organization — Cairo" which claimed responsibility for the attacks on British servicemen's families in Cyprus?

Almost certainly some of its "members" live in the southern suburbs, and it is inconceivable that the Syrian *muhabarrat* (security services) do not have some addresses in their notebooks.

Bush says Taba pact is near

Cairo (Reuters) — Vice-President George Bush ended his Middle East tour yesterday with no firm agreement on peace talks, but said an arbitration pact on the Egyptian-Israeli Taba border dispute was nearly in hand.

He said progress towards an accord was well under way prior to his 10-day visit but that his talks with the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, and President Mubarak of Egypt, had moved the parties closer to a final agreement on Taba.

The arbitration pact would set up a mechanism for settling the sovereignty dispute.

Mr Bush said an agreement on Taba would "remove a real sticking point" in the overall peace process in the area.

Filipino tribesmen in revenge killings

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Natives of Ata tribe have massacred a Christian family of four and a middle-aged farmer in a "bloody ritual" on Mindanao in the southern Philippines which will not end until another five people are killed, the state-run news agency reported.

The killers were seeking vengeance for the deaths last month of eight tribesmen.

At least 250 Christian families have abandoned their homes on the outskirts of Malabog, a remote mountain village near the southern city of Davao, after the natives, using spears and machetes, hacked to death a farmer, Marcelino Poliquit, aged 56, on Sunday.

The next night the tribesmen attacked and killed Felix

and Lolita Bucana and their two children as they slept in their hut, the Philippine News Agency said.

"The tribesmen already have killed five Christians in a bloody ritual called *pagayayo* but need to kill five more to get even with their Christian enemies," the agency quoted the local military commander, Colonel Hercules Galon, as saying.

Colonel Galon said that the 80 warring tribesmen had declared a "no man's land" in the area.

Peace talks: Philippine communist emissaries and a senior government negotiator met for the first time yesterday to discuss ways to end the 17-year communist insurgency. Spectrum, page 10

Harare minister's wife faces kidnap charge

From Our Correspondent, Harare

A warrant of arrest has been issued for the wife of a Zimbabwean Cabinet Minister who is said to have kidnapped the baby of her husband's alleged mistress and threatened to kill the woman in a fit of jealousy.

Mrs Sheila Hove, the wife of Mr Richard Hove, Minister of Mines, failed to appear in the Bulawayo regional court

on Monday to answer charges of kidnapping, malicious damage to property, brandishing a firearm dangerously and making obscene telephone calls.

Mrs Hove is alleged to have drawn a gun and taken away the nine-month-old child, saying that no action could be taken against her since she was a minister's wife.

Dubai Britons could face execution

By Nicholas Beeston

Two young Britons are being held in Dubai while police decide whether to charge them with the murder of an Indian security guard, it was revealed yesterday.

The Foreign Office said the men, both sons of Britons working in the Emirate, are Mark Spalding, a student, aged 19, and Michael Brown, aged 22.

They are accused of scuffling with an Indian security guard and then running him

over with their car. They have been in custody since June 16 and could face the death penalty if convicted.

Investigators are still trying to determine whether to charge them with murder or manslaughter.

A spokeswoman for the British Embassy in Dubai said that the death penalty was rarely carried out in the Emirate.

Prison visit: Mr Bob Mears, the British Consul in Saudi

Arabia, has visited Mr Peter Hall, an unemployed maintenance engineer, for 45 minutes in prison in Taif in the south-west of the country (Our Foreign Staff write).

It was the first time that Mr Hall, who faces the possibility of a public beheading with his wife, Monica, if they are found guilty on a murder charge, has been allowed a visitor since his arrest on July 15.

His wife also had a consular visit.

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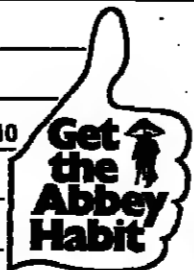
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Mother of strangled baby held



Carol Ann Washington (above) the mother of an 16-month-old girl apparently strangled on the cruise ship Emerald Seas, which was evacuated last week after a fire and explosion in the Bahamas, has been taken into custody by Miami police for questioning. The child was found dead in a cabin as the ship was en route to Miami four days after a fire and explosion injured 17 people and forced the evacuation of nearly 1,000 passengers.

Art broken

Melbourne (Reuters) — "Weeping Woman" — the \$A1.2 million painting by Picasso stolen this week, was not insured. Victoria's State Arts Minister, Mr Race Mathews, said.

Killer rain

Tokyo (Reuters) — Fourteen people were killed and two others missing as torrential rainstorms swept across central and northern Japan.

Short haul

Buenos Aires (Reuters) — The Soviet Union will have to withdraw at least 42 trawlers fishing in Argentine waters under the terms of a new fishing accord.

New troops

Stockholm (Reuters) — Sweden is planning to send about 600 troops to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon to replace a French peace-keeping contingent, a Defence Staff spokesman said.

Premier again

Bangkok (Reuters) — King Bhumibol has appointed General Prem Tinsulanonda to his third term as Thailand's Prime Minister, the official Radio Thailand reported.

Lorry strike

Karachi (Reuters) — About 7,000 long-distance lorry drivers started an indefinite strike here in protest at increasing highway robberies.

Patient killed

Hong Kong (AFP) — A villager in hospital in Wuhan city, central China, was beaten to death by hospital staff over a money dispute. Five staff members have been arrested.

Tehran bomb

Tehran (Reuters) — A bomb hidden in a car exploded in a Tehran square killing a pedestrian and damaging two cars.

Craxi calls on vote for stability

From Peter Nichols Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi expects to be given a vote of confidence tonight by the Italian Senate for his new government, which he launched yesterday as the embodiment of the country's new-found political stability.

Signor Craxi's second government follows the administration with which he assured himself of two places in the history books.

His last five-party coalition was the first government in Italy's history to have been led by a Socialist. And its three years gave it the record for longevity in the post-war republic.

He reminded Parliament of this yesterday at the beginning of the speech in which he called for a vote of confidence.

"Political stability is not everything," he said, "but certainly it is the essential condition" for efficient Government and Parliament.

He said that the 20 governments which had ruled the country during the four preceding parliaments were "the symbol of a growing and dangerous chronic instability of our political system..."

This tendency had now been reversed in the past three years and the remaining 20 months of this ninth legislature could see a continuation of this stability, he said.

He made only an indirect reference to his agreement to leave office next March and to hand over the leadership to the Christian Democrats, the largest party.

This need not in any way conflict with his remarks about stability, as the Christian Democrats are partners in the newly reconstituted five-party coalition.

Signor Craxi underlined that public opinion called for stability. It also wanted greater efficiency and a more modern approach, as well as smoother functioning by its institutions. The country required "a more convincing quality in the democracy which governed it".

All the parties represented in Parliament are now replying to the Prime Minister's speech.

The debate will then move to the Chamber of Deputies, when another vote will be taken by the end of the week.

Fraud alleged in Mexican state elections

Oaxaca, Mexico (AP) — Opposition parties swept to defeat in elections in the impoverished southern state of Oaxaca charged yesterday that the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had used fraud to perpetuate its control.

The State Electoral Commission suspended balloting Sunday in four of the state's 570 municipalities. It said peace could not be guaranteed in four small towns on the Tehuantepec isthmus which have been the scene of political violence in recent years.

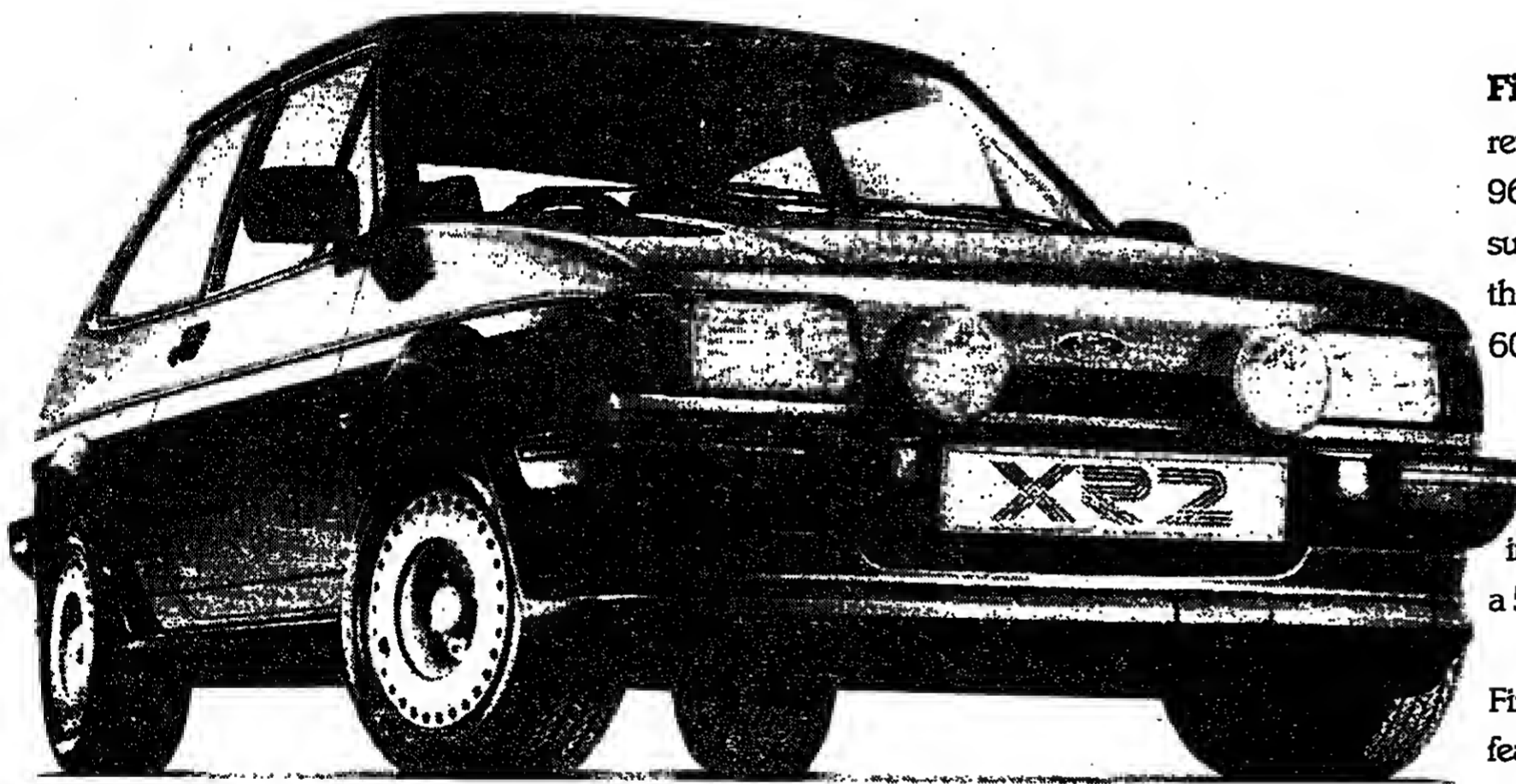
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However, if you feel this might be a bit too exhilarating for you, how about the exciting new Fiesta Holiday, a high-spec model which includes a screened glass sunroof, tinted glass and a 5-speed gearbox as standard.

Other Fiestas in the range include the stylish Finesse and the sporty new 1.4S, a car which features Ford's new 'Lean Burn' 1.4 engine. It's also available on the Fiesta L and Ghia.

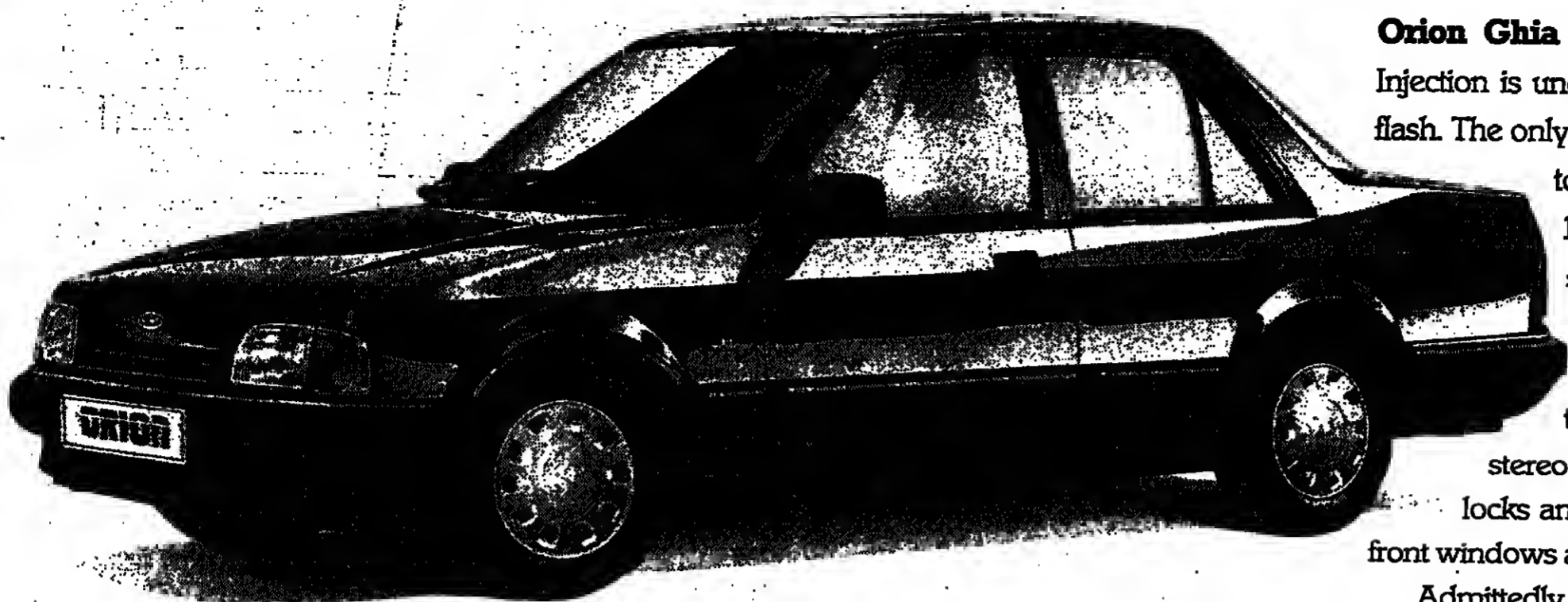


Escort XR3i illustrated has optional alloy wheels and driving lamps.

Escort XR3i. This Escort is certainly out in front again. The new styling gives it a smoother profile and purposeful new spoilers.

Thanks to some subtle adjustments to the suspension, the handling is altogether sharper. The well-proven 1.6 fuel injection engine delivers its punch smoothly and sweetly over a wide rev. range. And, most exciting, you can now buy your XR3i with anti-lock brakes – a new mechanical system that's been developed by Ford and Lucas Girling for front wheel drive cars. It's the only small sports hatchback to have them, so it's another good reason to buy one.

If your taste isn't for an XR3i, don't forget the rest of the superb Escort range, from the well-equipped Popular to the performance RS Turbo. Of course, the range includes the new 1.4 engine and Ford's efficient 1.6 diesel.



Orion Ghia Injection. The new Orion Ghia Injection is undeniably quick but it's anything but flash. The only outward signs that it can accelerate to 60 mph in 9.3 seconds* and reach 115 mph* are its wide wheels and special low-profile tyres. Naturally you can buy it with anti-lock brakes.

Behind the wheel this Orion is typically Ghia. Sunroof, electronic stereo radio/cassette, Chubb high security locks and electrically operated mirrors and front windows are all standard features.

Admittedly the Ghia Injection sets the pace, but it's worth remembering that there are four more efficient engines within the Orion range. Naturally that includes the 1.4 and the much applauded 1.6 diesel.

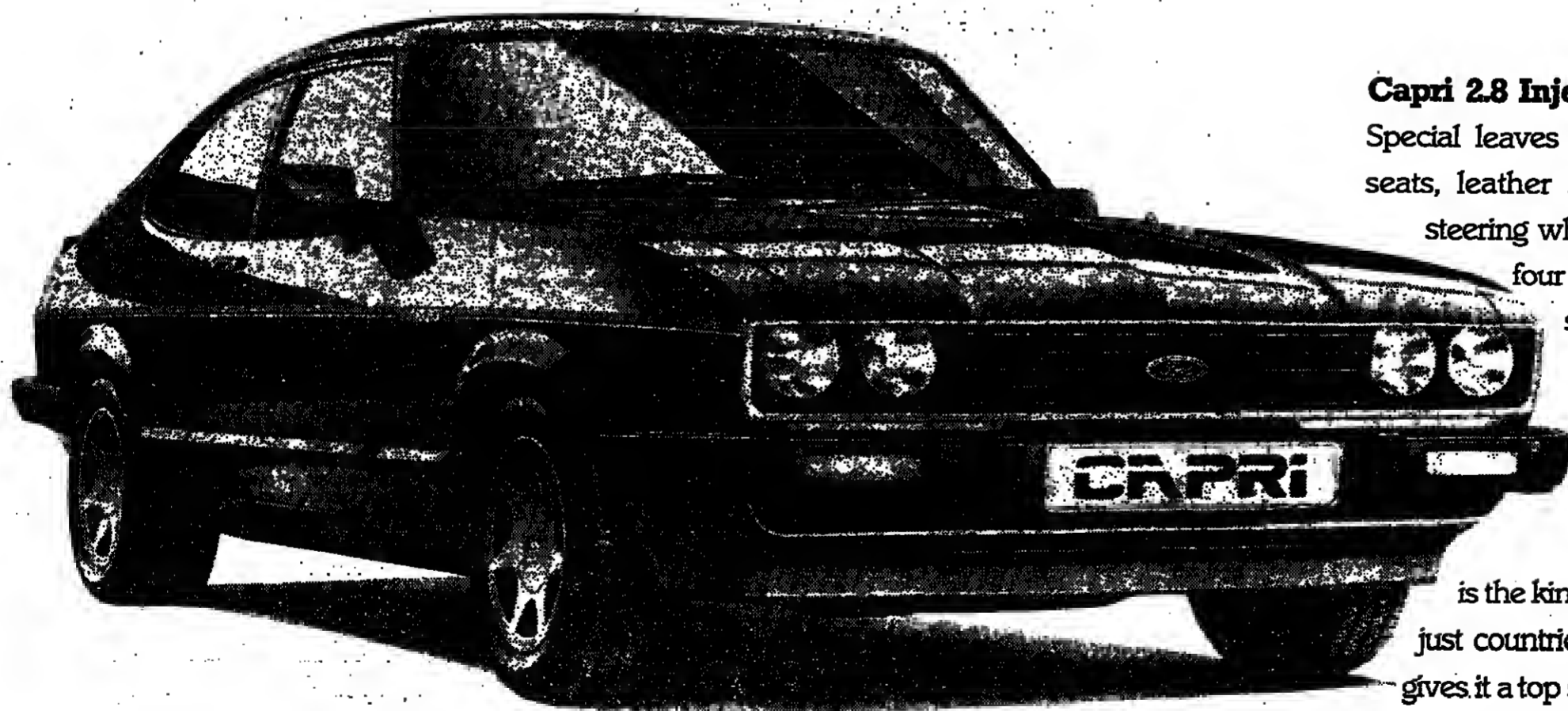


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The Wall of Death lives on

It is 25 years since the Berlin Wall was built, splitting the city to halt the exodus of East Germans to the West. Frank Johnson looks back at this grim border's sudden birth

Twenty-five years ago this month, shortly after one o'clock on the morning of Sunday, August 13, 1961, the teleprinters of the usually unread and unreadable East German news agency ADN began to transmit. ADN took as long as usual to get to the point, and it was unclear what that point was. But the dispatch succeeded in giving the impression that something very unusual was happening.

"The present traffic situation on the borders of West Berlin is being used by ruling circles in West Germany and the intelligence agencies of Nato countries to undermine the economy of the German Democratic Republic," the message read. "Through deceit, bribery and blackmail, West German government bodies and military interests induce certain unstable elements in the German Democratic Republic to leave for West Germany."

"These deceived people are compelled to serve with the West German army, and are recruited for the intelligence agencies of different countries to be sent back to the GDR as spies and saboteurs. . . In the face of the aggressive aspirations of the reactionary forces of West Germany and its Nato allies, the Warsaw Pact member states must take necessary steps to guarantee their security and primarily the security of the GDR. . ."

"It goes without saying that these measures must not affect existing access provisions for traffic and control on communications routes between West Berlin and West Germany."

What measures? This was unclear. But as the dispatch was moving over the wires, East German soldiers and police were unrolling barbed wire down the middle of Berlin. In the



Crossing point: a watchtower overlooks the Tiergarten memorial area for shot escapees

Gaule was at Colombey-les-deux-Églises; he was expecting a crisis at any moment but over Algeria.

It was assumed that the Russians would do something about Berlin. They had been threatening to cut off the western access routes for some time because they objected to the Allies being in Berlin at all. There was also the separate problem of the rising number of East Germans flocking to East Berlin to escape into West Berlin and thence perhaps to West Germany.

It was widely assumed that the only way in which the Russians and East Germans could stop the exodus would be to prevent people entering East Berlin from the surrounding parts of East Germany. This would not involve the Western allies. What the East Germans and the Russians did in that part of Germany was considered their own affair. The Russians and the East Germans could hardly stop the westward flight in Berlin itself, it was felt. It would look too bad. It would involve their putting some sort of a wall across the entire city.

Twenty-five years later, Ilona Falkowski, who works in the West Berlin Tourist Office, is one of thousands of Berliners who remembers the days during which the Russians and East Germans did exactly that.

She was aged 12 then and had known for a long time that something bad was going to happen. Her parents were always talking about people who were trying to sell their houses so that they could go and live in West Germany. There were lots of big houses which had become very cheap. But still nobody wanted to buy them.

On that Sunday, men and women with suitcases — and sometimes with children — kept climbing over the wire and running forwards. Others who tried to do the same were frightened away by soldiers or policemen.

Her cousin, who lived in the East, was being confirmed, but Ilona was told she would not be able to go to the church itself. It was arranged for her to overlook the confirmation procession from the window of a

house which was just on the western side.

August 13, 1961 is the date of much folklore among West Berliners, quite a lot of it true. In Bernauerstrasse the line between the Russian and French sectors ran down the centre of the street. On the Russian side, people jumped from windows to get to the West before guards and bricklayers could burst in to brick the windows up.

But not all the guards were enthusiastic about their work. There are stories of East German guards

looking in the opposite direction as people escaped, and there is even a suggestion of a certain sympathy for the guards in the early days, a feeling on the western side that the guards were as much victims as anyone else.

This changed after their first killing. Peter Fechter, aged 18, tried to climb over near Checkpoint Charlie, the main official border crossing, and died from a shot fired by a guard in the second storey of a house (the East Germans having not yet had time to build watchtowers).

So it has gone on ever since. A few weeks ago, one of the border guards sustained gunshot wounds near the French sector, and was seen being carried away, perhaps dead. The East Germans told the Allies that he had tried to commit suicide while mentally ill. Since 1961, the guards have probably formed the biggest single occupational group among escapees. But over the years it has been made more difficult for them.

They patrol in twos and threes, which are said constantly to be changed to prevent friendships developing which might discourage them from shooting if one tried to escape. They are seldom Berliners. The Berliners like to say that they are Saxons, because Saxons according to Berlin mythology would serve any regime.

In August, 1961 the wall was mainly a barbed-wire fence, interspersed with concrete posts, but it soon became all concrete. Most of the buildings near it on the eastern side have been knocked down to create an open space for the watch-towers, the floodlights, the dogs and the ingenious machines that fire bullets if anyone moves in front of them.

The buildings which remain close to the wall have iron bars across their westerly windows. Beyond the main wall is another wall to prevent would-be escapers from getting even as far as the open space. It is East Germany's largest public works programme by far.

Victorious powers place much importance on presiding over the capital city of the defeated, so after the Second World War Berlin was to



GREAT ESCAPES

- 1961: August 13. Wall appears overnight
- August 15. Conrad Schumann, an East German guard, hurries a barrier in a dash to the west
- 1964: October 3/4. A total of 57 men, women and children escape during the night through a tunnel
- 1963: March. Two young East Berliners use a bow and arrow to fire a line across the wall. Helpers haul them in
- 1966: July 30. An East Berliner claims to have escaped by disguising himself and three shop dummies as Russian soldiers

A total of 74 East Germans have died at the Berlin Wall in attempted escapes. Another 110 have lost their lives trying to break through along the 856-mile main border with West Germany. More than 197,000 East Germans have escaped.

Clear-out at kitsch castle

New York has a week to assess the bad taste of ex-President Marcos of the Philippines

Soon after the fall of Ferdinand Marcos in February, the new president, Corason Aquino, had peasants bussed from their ramshackle reality to the Malacanang Palace in Manila to show them the opulence in which Marcos and his wife, Imelda, had lived.

Today, an altogether more sophisticated crowd will shuffle through the doors of the Marcos mansion in Manhattan, not merely to gawk but to buy. Virtually everything that can be moved inside the seven-storey mansion on 15 East 66th Street is to be auctioned later this month after a week's viewing.

Satin sheets embroidered with Imelda's initials, IRM; unopened gifts kept handy should friends drop by unexpectedly; Steinways played by van Cliburn at intimate gatherings; exquisite sofas, chaises, cabinets, giltwood mahogany harpsichord by Baker Harris, valued at \$10,000, and a number of monumental K'Ang Hsi blue and white porcelain vases, valued at \$2,000 each.

Most of the immensely valuable pieces vanished before Marcos accepted electoral defeat. It is to finance litigation to recover these pieces, worth \$75 million, and about \$7 billion in real estate that the New York auction is being held.

The mansion was the Philippine consulate until the mid-1970s when Marcos designated it one of his official residences. It was one property to which the Aquino

government officials, spent several months assessing and cataloguing the Marcos possessions, points to one piece: "This is typical of their taste. Here is a fine 17th-century French cabinet. They put this shellcraft tree on top so it looks as if it is growing out of it."

Among the tat, whose sale price will depend on the enthusiasm of souvenir hunters, there are fine antiques that will attract serious collectors. They include rare first editions, apparently bought by the yard and never opened. There is a George III giltwood mirror, from Lord Wilton's Ditchley Park Estate in Oxfordshire, valued at \$30,000; an 1810 Paul Storr silver wine-cooler, bearing the arms of Devonshire impaled with the arms of Northampton, valued at \$25,000; a George III mahogany harpsichord by Baker Harris, valued at \$10,000, and a number of monumental K'Ang Hsi blue and white porcelain vases, valued at \$2,000 each.

What is astonishing, however, is not the opulence, but the appalling taste. The Marcos mansion is a kitsch castle. Giant, vile paintings, monuments to arrogance and greed and self-deception, with titles like *Triumph of Beauty* and *Triumph of Courage*, greet the visitor.

Here is Imelda, bejewelled and young; here Ferdinand, heroic and virile; here Imi,



Empty shell: washbasin in Imelda's favourite motif

their daughter, fine-featured and Italianate. Pope John Paul II is surfing on a cloud. President Reagan, standing astride the great seal of the United States, is younger and stronger than in *Helens of the Navy*. Each of the paintings, by Ralph Wolfe Cowan, cost \$50,000. In fact, they are photographs blown up to life size, overpainted, touched up and laminated.

On the sixth floor is a rumpus room, Imelda's personal playpen, mirrored on all sides, where the first lady of the Philippines boogied late into the night. It has sound-synchronized strobe lights and a solarium. Strogans from Imelda's "I spend, therefore I am" philosophy are embroidered onto cushions strewn about the room. "Noonan Riche Is Better Than No Riche At All", says one. "Good Girls Go To Heaven. Bad Girls Go Everywhere", says another.

In the library are cheaply framed photographs that Imelda apparently kept to remind her of her social acceptance in the wider world beyond Malacanang — pictures of her with, among others, Lord Mountbatten of Burma and Princess Margaret.

There is shellcraft in every room — llamas made of seashells, chests, lamps and picture-frames. Kenneth Lissner, who has, with Phil-

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The wall is West Berlin's biggest tourist attraction

not much evidence that the wall continues to horrify the generality of the educated classes. Professor John Kenneth Galbraith, asked his opinion of the wall seven years after it was built in an interview in the West German weekly *Die Zeit*, replied: "I think the wall is a good thing. At any rate, it has preserved peace."

Over the years, however, there have been enough less august figures to cover the western side of the wall with jokes and rude graffiti about communism. "East German high-jump team training area", one says. There are also entries of varying degrees of affection or obscenity on the subject of pop singers. People who live nearby say that first it was Elvis Presley; now Boy George is popular. The graffiti are in all major languages except Russian.

As the wall is a couple of yards inside the communist half of the city, East Berlin workmen with brushes and pails are allowed by the West occasionally to wipe it all off. Because they are at such moments only a few steps from freedom, it is assumed by the locals that these workmen are the only local communists to be found among the working class of East Berlin. Even so, it is noted, two workmen are usually accompanied by three armed guards.

Men and women with suitcases kept climbing the wire

darkness of East Berlin, shadowy workmen could be seen unloading concrete posts, bricks and shovels from lorries. By daylight, people such as waiters and cleaners who went from East Berlin to Sunday jobs were told by East German guards that they would not be allowed to go to the West for the time being: they were to report the next day to offices where they would be told what their new jobs were — in East Berlin, that is.

A western diplomat now in East Berlin, who in 1961 was serving with his country's military government in West Berlin, said that the West's representatives in the city knew for several days that an unusual amount of building material was being piled up on the outskirts of East Berlin, but they did not know why.

The western powers did not expect it, nor realize for some time what was happening. The politicians had not expected anything over the weekend that might distract them from the usual activities of mid-August. President Kennedy was sailing on his father's yacht off Hyannis Port. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, and Lord Home, the Foreign Secretary, were on the grouse moors for the weekend of the Glorious Twelfth. President de

On two wings and a prayer

Three of us, nervously waiting. "First time?" I ask. "Yup", answers one; the others are moving to the window and looking skyward. It is like a scene in a Second World War movie. We all tense when we hear the distant but unmistakable throb of a propeller-driven aeroplane. We crane our necks for a glimpse of her green, white and red livery and her Snoopyish droopy nose.

"There she is!" we almost cheer, and within minutes the solo flagship of Suckling Airways is seen in front of the terminal building. Well, more a 1930s aerodrome building — but this is Ipswich and Suck-

Born on the kitchen table top and weaned despite considerable official opposition, Suckling Airways — Britain's latest international airline — is flying high

ling Airways has been flying for only a few months. Captain Roy Suckling is 39, a former charter pilot and joint-owner with his wife, Meryn, of a £2.5 million, 18-seater Dornier 228. As we

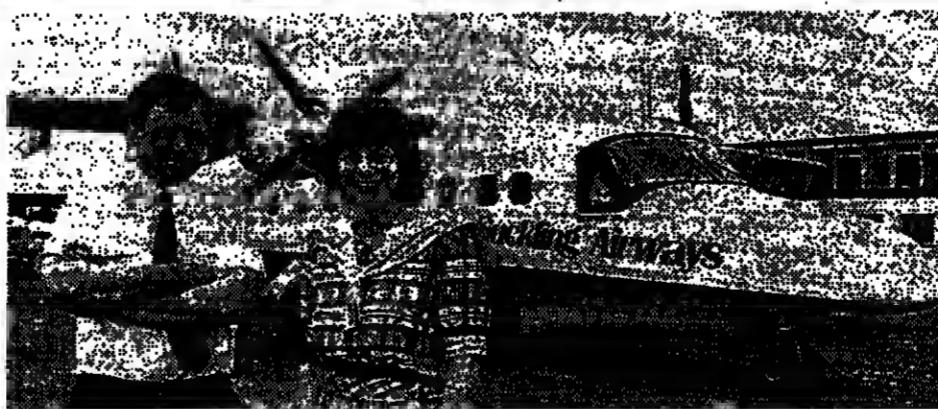
watch, he springs smartly out of the cockpit with as much gold braid on cuff and cap as any jumbo jetster. He is grey for his age, as befits a man who has done battle with the conservative ways of the Civil Aviation Authority for the last four years.

"When we applied for the licence and Suckling Airways was announced as wanting to fly between Ipswich, Manchester and Amsterdam, someone at the CAA rang up and asked if it was a practical joke", says Meryn, eyes widening and lips puckering at the very thought of the CAA. "I made my mind up there and then to prove those blighters wrong."

There's no tarmac to cross at Ipswich airport, only grass. Landing lights are an innovation, too. "I had to fight to get customs here", says Suckling, as he struggles with a flask of coffee — part of the in-flight catering. "We're close to Felixstowe and I finally got them to agree to come up here in between ships."

My fellow travellers and I are excited as we strap ourselves in. Globally, it's a small step from Ipswich to Manchester but to fly it is a great leap forward for East Anglian mankind, cut off as he is from the motorway network.

"I think businessmen hate travelling", says Suckling. "They just want it quick and simple. Some of the old operators will tell you it's not really flying unless you've got oil running down the engine, but



The flying family Suckling: in-flight Thermos flasks and home-made croissants

travellers want service, not romance. That's why it's called Suckling Airways — not because I want to see my name in lights but because the name of the complaints department is down the side of the aircraft for all to see."

Meryn adds: "People say to him when they ring up, 'Am I really speaking to Mr Suckling?' Ooh, it's like talking to Richard Branson!"

Suckling hands the Thermos to the stewardess, a tiny girl chosen because she does not have to stoop in the plane's restricted headroom. He then passes her a blue picnic box of pre-packed meals.

Our captain, a lad who has worked his way up to pilot rank from airport fireman, gives the official "Welcome to . . ." recitation over the Tannoy, when it's over he puffs his head round the curtain and smiles. "Morning, gents!"

We rumble down to the airstrip. Suckling is waving farewell from his office. Like

schoolboys on an outing we all go back. We taxi down an avenue cut through a field of barley — strange to be playing tag with tractors. The engines rev, the brakes are off and we rise to every molehill until we reach take-off speed. Then, with one flap of its hi-tech wings, Suckling's albatross is flying. "Great machine", beams the pilot, "six weeks and not one red warning light yet."

Food next and, like the rest of the operation, it's no joke. "Eat your lemon tart if you can", urges the stewardess. "Lucy hates it if there are any left-overs." Lucy is Suckling's in-flight caterer. This morning she offers fresh croissant, a fish mousse, and a salad of peach and pineapple from the kitchen of her Ipswich home.

"There's no book on how to start an airline", sighs Meryn. "We planned it all ourselves across the kitchen table. I used to be a barrister so I had to start flexing some rusty legal muscles. But it was hard. We'd

go to some of the public hearings and the objectors would turn up with more lawyers than we have staff. "I remember the first question the CAA asked at the inquiry: 'Do you have any experience in running an airline?' I looked at Roy and said 'Nope!' but I made a good speech; I had made it up in the bath the night before."

For all the scorn the couple pour upon the CAA, they heap praise on the Department of Transport. "They were great. We'd ring up and they'd say 'Oh no, not you again', but things got shoved under ministers' noses faster than we had any right to expect."

We land at Manchester on time, sorry it's over but as excited as any pioneers. As we leave the plane we shout "Thanks!" to the captain. It's a long time since a public transport driver provoked that response.

Paul Heimey
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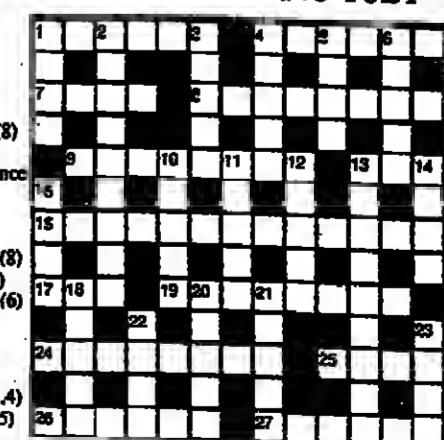
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Child snatching: hope for the parents left behind

New regulations will make it easier to recover children who are taken abroad, reports Clare Dyer



Last Friday, as Linda Bell was waiting for a Portuguese court to decide whether she could see her two young sons for the first time in three years, a convention against child abductors came into force in Britain. It seeks to eliminate the trauma and expense that Linda Bell has endured since her boys were snatched five years ago.

Yet it was in 1980, the year before their Portuguese father abducted them, that the European Convention on the Custody of Children came into being. Britain and Portugal were among the 15 countries to sign. It provides for the return of children improperly removed from the custody of a parent and taken to one of the other countries in the convention - but until it was adopted by Britain last week it had no force in this country.

Linda Bell has seen her sons Timothy and Simon Franco only once since the day they were snatched from their grandparents' South London home. Since then she has battled through the Portuguese courts for three years, trying to secure the return of the boys who are now aged 13 and 12. She hopes for a decision by Christmas.

The fight to regain custody of her sons has cost her £8,500 so far. To raise the money, she needed the authority of the courts in this country to sell the former family home, jointly owned by her husband and herself. This took 18 months.

For Linda Bell, ratification of the convention may have come too late. The Portuguese court could well decide that, after five years, that the boys are so settled in their father's home that it would be against their best interests to send them back to England.

The European measures against child snatching came into force in Britain along with others contained in the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction. By adopting both conventions the UK has activated reciprocal arrangements with 10 other countries - including Portugal - for the return of so-called "tag-of-love" children.

The other countries are Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland. If a child is thought to have been abducted from Britain to another country which has ratified one or other of the conventions the authorities in

abduction, emphasizes the importance of taking precautions against kidnapping - for example, lodging an objection with the passport office to prevent the other parent from obtaining a passport for the child.

If a snatch is made, the police, under a new port stop procedure which took effect in May, will send out an all-ports message on their national computer network. The child's name will be placed on an immigration stop list held at points of exit. But abductions are most likely to happen during access visits and by the time the child is missed he may be long gone.

"Ratifying the conventions and making child abduction a criminal offence are steps in the right direction but a great deal more needs to be done," says Panny Letts, of the Children's Legal Centre. "There are still countries where international cooperation doesn't seem to be possible and children are still subjected to a great deal of distress and hardship." To say nothing of the parent left behind.

Still not enough countries moving against abductors

A parent may have no idea where to look



Philippa Greaves: "The City is traditionally a male sphere, and any successful woman has to be that much better than her male counterpart to get on"

Old girls, new networks

I clinched my first job through the old girls' network. The editor interviewing me had a sister who had gone to my old school - the same one that produced Esther Rantzen, Susie Orbach, the Jay twins and others. My interviewer didn't, of course, say that was the secret of my success, but the inference was there and I was slightly appalled.

Perhaps I shouldn't have been. After all, the old girls' network has been helping countless numbers of schoolboys to get the ladder from the minute they don their prep-school short trousers - not to mention all those male clubs where many a promotion is fixed over a G and T and a handshake.

Now, however, a new phenomenon is emerging: old boys' networks for women, created by high-flying females who feel the fair sex should have a leg up too. The principle of luncheon meetings for women to promote contacts has long been hailed as good business sense in the United States, but has really caught on in Britain only in the last few years.

The result is about eight different clubs here - some for professionals like bankers, others for more general disciplines like management - providing regular meetings, guest speakers and informal get-togethers where members can air the problems of being women in a man's world.

Most of these groups see themselves as providing an ideal opportunity for brushing up on career developments and forging business links. Women in Banking (founded in 1980 by a group of women bankers, and with a current membership of 189 in London and Bath) takes women from every level of the finance industry.

"Some are still graduates or clerical staff like secretaries who itch to go further", says chairwoman Philippa Greaves, a 33-year-old assistant manager at the Saudi International Bank in London. "The City is traditionally a male sphere and any successful woman has to be that much better than her male counterpart to get on. Because of that, we tend to take ourselves seriously rather than stress the social side as a men's club might. We'll meet twice a month - once for an informal lunch in the City and then in the evening to hear a guest speaker talk on finance."

Network, founded in 1981 with 500 senior women members from London to Glasgow, is much harder to infiltrate. There are strict entry requirements to maintain a high calibre: members have to earn a top salary (the average is over £20,000); they have to control a certain number of staff (Network won't give figures); and they have to have been at a senior level for at least three years. There's also the small matter of the £50 registration fee (the organization is non-profit-making).

Women who feel lonely in the boardroom are combining to create their own answer to the old boys' networks that have secured many a male promotion. Jane Bidder reports on the clubs that now provide contacts and jobs for the girls

"Only about 3 per cent of senior managers are women so we need something to stop us feeling isolated in the boardroom", says Irene Harris, the 40-year-old founder of Network, who runs her own conference business.

"We meet twice a month at the English Speaking Union and have had speakers like Brenda Dean and Lady Porter. We also have small discussion groups to mull over mutual problems like office politics."

"A great deal of business is done this way: members make work contacts and hear of job opportunities. We can even go one better than the old boys' network because we're often more supportive and sharing. A member would be honest enough to say 'I'm terrified about making a presentation next week', and in return we could give her support and make helpful suggestions. A man can't always admit his frailties."

Some people don't know what to expect when they go through Network's doors for the first time. "They suspect we're a group of Amazons but once they make friends, they realize that's untrue", Irene Harris says. "I've actually watched members alter their attitudes and dress sense, and this helps their careers because they're more confident."

Women in Management (founded 20 years ago, with a current membership of 800) welcomes women from all spheres including catering, computing, television, hotels, the commodities industry, teaching and hospitals. "We like people to have some management experience, but we make special provision for young girls entering the

field who might not have the know-how yet but want to get it", explained chairwoman Valerie Boakes, aged 45, a commodity adviser. "We have members from the top and bottom although we do find that the more senior girls come to our six-weekly forum luncheons while the younger set prefer our monthly discussion evenings."

Woman power at such meetings is considerable and industry hasn't been slow in picking up their brains. Women in Management, for example, is sponsored by the four major banks. "We can provide information and they can use us as a sounding board for advice on how to develop a female employee's career", says Boakes. "We're also setting up a shadowing scheme whereby one of our members would be asked by a sponsor to shadow one of their staff at work and give the company ideas on how it can improve management technique and job opportunities."

"More generally, any member of our group can approach another and talk out problems about her own role in her particular firm. And, of course, there are always tip-offs about jobs in other companies."

Company roles are particularly pertinent to in-house old girl networks. Women in BP, for instance, was set up in 1982 after the founder of Women in Management gave a lecture at the company. The personnel department set up a women's network to give staff more confidence in themselves through meetings on assertiveness and career planning, and also to make male colleagues more aware of untapped female talent.

Mary Anderson, a 24-year-old BP

economic analyst and chairwoman of the group, denies that it is a company puppet: "We operate independently of personnel and have taken some major steps forward, such as talking to BP about its pension scheme for women. We're also there if someone is offered promotion to another department and wants to know what it's like. Before long, we'd like to see more women at the top - there aren't any at board level yet. The strength of an in-house network is that we know each other's framework. The disadvantage is isolation from outside companies, although we do meet up with other networks socially."

Most old girls' networks deny that they are feminist. Women in Management even admits male members: "There are only a handful but we have had one chap on our executive team", recalls Valerie Boakes. "After all, we work with men and many feel they can learn about us by coming along."

The majority, however, restrict membership to women, like the Association of Women Solicitors which has more than a thousand members all over Britain. "There wouldn't be any point in our name if we allowed men in", says 34-year-old chairwoman Theresa Grant-Peterson. "We can, of course, bring them as guests - the other month, we had a valuation evening at Sothebys which most husbands enjoyed."

"Prospects for women have changed since we were founded in 1923 by the only three female solicitors in Britain. But we still need to support each other, particularly in law where there aren't enough women partners. It's vital to learn from each other and even discuss domestic trivia like coping with a job and school holidays. Most male colleagues are impressed by us and companies frequently ask us to recommend people. I'd like to think that in 20 years' time, we won't need to exist because women will be standing more on their own. Or maybe there'll be an association of male solicitors!"

Mary Anderson, a 24-year-old BP

THE OLD GIRLS' CONTACT BOOK

- Network: 25 Park Road, Baker Street, London NW1.
• Women in Banking: Phillips and Drew, 120 Moorgate, London EC2.
• The Association of Women Solicitors: c/o Miss Pat Cunningham, The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL.
• Women in Management: 64 Maryport Road, London SW19 5BN.
• City Women's Network (for senior women in all professions): 20 Essex Street, London WC2R 3AL.

'We've taken some steps forward, like the pension scheme at BP' Mary Anderson

Office diplomacy

From Mrs Stephanie Smith, Preston Old Road, Freckleton, Preston, Lancashire

Whilst I sympathize with one of the cases mentioned in "Sexual Power Games in the Office" (Wednesday Page, July 30), was there really any need for the article at all? It must serve only to reinforce a popular male viewpoint that women are the "weaker sex" and consequently are unsuited to positions in management.

Surely, every woman should already possess a repertoire of "right but firm put-downs". If she does not have the courage and diplomacy to use these tactics, is she really suited to management posts, which demand that decisions be made quickly and action taken swiftly?

I also disagree with Cary Cooper's view that a comment such as "You're looking good today" wears down a woman. I occasionally make this comment to male colleagues. As yet, I have seen no evidence of this wearing them down; on the contrary, they accept it as a compliment - as I would.

From Norma Acland, Fitz-Johns Avenue, London NW3

The article in The Times on sexual harassment in the office raises two interesting issues. The first is how to stop men from harassing women - or, more broadly, how to create an atmosphere in which women can work on equal terms with men so as to fulfill their own potential; the second is the question of women's own behaviour.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Come in, Joe 90

An extraordinary manhunt was launched over the weekend by Scottish police, apparently labouring under the misapprehension that Leeds was about to run out of beer. The chase began when they were contacted by a Burnley engineering firm needing to trace Richard Chubb, a computer engineer, holidaying north of the border. Chubb, known as Joe 90 to friends, alone understood the computer system being installed at the Tetley brewery in Leeds, where a hitch was delaying automation. In the early hours of Friday morning Strathclyde police teleaxed seven Scottish police divisions asking them to visit hotels and guest houses to find Chubb. "The brewery is understood to have had to stop production because of the breakdown," read the telex. David Gaskell, the engineering consultant who made the plea to the police, reacted "I was amazed by their reaction. It's all backfired. Beer production has never been stopped. It's a case of 'send three-and-fourpence, we're going to the dance' ended up as a declaration of war." And the odd thing is Joe 90 is still missing.

Silk's purse

Labour MPs such as Martin Flannery, who have sniped that Robert Kilroy-Silk's resignation is less to do with Militant activists than lust for a fat job in television, have got it wrong. While Kilroy-Silk denies Television Centre gossip that he will be paid little more than £100 a show - "I wouldn't work for that" - his salary is not, let us say, in the Matthew Parris league. He admits: "What the BBC is going to pay me will be less than my income for the past few years."

Wellington boot

The plummy Anglo-Spanish Society, headed by the Duke of Wellington, is behaving in a distinctly ungentlemanly manner to one of its minions. It is forcing Thomas Layton, for 26 years the editor of the society journal, to retire with what he calls a "derisory" £100 pay-off. Layton is 75 and has Parkinson's Disease, but he says: "I am very fit and have enough stuff to keep the magazine going for the next 10 years." Sir Ronald Lindsay, the society's vice-chairman, appeared dumbstruck when I mentioned Layton, but recovered to tell me: "It's untrue to say he is about to be sacked." Layton asks: "If I am not being sacked why can't I stay on?" He threatens to set up a rival Hispano-British Society with its own journal next year.

Drink to it

It is good to see the British Waterways Board maintaining a fluid salary structure. A job advert in PR Week for an audio/copy-typist ("essential features: enquiring mind, a cheerful disposition at all times, aptitude to absorb information quickly") quotes the rates: "£7,760pa to £68,280pa". I'm applying.

BARRY FANTONI



"I think it's awful. She's not even old enough to have forgotten who he was"

Rusk's ruse

Next week's 25th anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall prompts historian Norman Gelb, who was there when it went up, to pass on some information newly gleaned from Dean Rusk, the US Secretary of State at the time. Aware that Nato's Paris headquarters had been penetrated by the KGB, Rusk used it as a conduit for warnings he did not want the Soviet government to ignore. Gelb says: "Rusk told me that signals he wanted to convey were likely to receive more urgent attention if picked up by a Soviet spy in Nato than if they were delivered by the American ambassador in Moscow."

Frozen out

The Refrigerettes, a group of 10 charmingly overweight cheerleaders who follow the Chicago Bears, are nursing bruised egos after being given the cold shoulder at Sunday's American football match at Wembley. The group, named after 22-store Bears player William "The Refrigerator" Perry, were flown to London by the city of Chicago as a publicity stunt. But as an unofficial group they were not allowed on the pitch during the game with the Dallas Cowboys, and were absent from the US ambassador's reception, which was attended by the Cowboys' cheerleaders. National Football League administrator Rusty Holly told me he had "never heard of them". I suspect they all find the bouncy gals something of an embarrassment. PHS

Philanthropy and the planner's art

by Lord Perth

I have recently been involved in the long drawn-out tussle which developed over planning permission for the use of St John's Lodge in Regent's Park as a showplace for Fred Koch's fine Victorian collections. My traumatic experience - I was advising on a personal basis - leads me to believe that a drastic revision of planning procedures is vital if benevolent intention towards Britain is not again to be frustrated by procedure, abuse and misrepresentation by preservationists. A great art and book collection is now lost to us through planning procedures and those who interpret them. It began three years ago when Koch, one of the richest men in America, approached the Crown Estate for the lease of St John's Lodge, abandoned after many years of institutional occupation and crying out for costly and sympathetic refurbishing. Leasing terms were agreed, subject to planning permission being granted. Earlier, however, the Crown Estate had commissioned a report on the condition of the lodge, its history and what might be preserved. Based on this background a new planning principle had developed: there must be no change to the lodge, which was a record of aesthetic taste (whether good or bad) over its 170 years of existence. This "deep freeze" doc-

trine spelt death to all future improvements, whatever their merit. Officials, whether of Westminster City Council or English Heritage, felt safe in sticking to it. St John's Lodge is not a great building, but it has been listed Grade 2 plus star, and so comes under strictest planning scrutiny and controls. Before I came on the scene there had already been long skirmishes between Westminster City Council (egged on by the amenity societies and others) and Koch's eminent architects, Charles Young of New York and Michael Manser, then president of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The planning committee and its officials had almost closed the door to the original planning application, although its chairman had managed to keep it open a chink. In May there were to be local authority elections and, until they were over, nothing more could be done. In the meantime the amenity societies and their hangers-on had a field day. Articles and letters appeared in many and various journals and newspapers attacking Koch personally as a rich American who was to "gut" "ruin," "wreck" the lodge. This vicious and virulent campaign naturally

distressed Koch, and those fighting on his side now face the problem of keeping him in play. Once the elections were over, and Westminster was still Conservative, Koch's allies started to counter-attack: they lobbied the City fathers at Westminster and Lord Montagu (who had always favoured the museum plan) at English Heritage. They alerted the arts minister Richard Luce and the ministers at the Department of the Environment (who properly said that as the final court of appeal they could not intervene). Westminster committee members visited the lodge and at last gave planning approval - in principle. But at the same time they called for the resignation of minutely detailed. Nine long requirements were listed which meant many months of costly work (an estimated £136,000) by the architects. After this everything had once more to be open to public comment, with its attendant likelihood of a campaign of abuse; and at the end of it all there would still be no certainty that approval would be forthcoming. The Royal Fine Arts Commission now came into the act and, while making encouraging noises about the project, insisted that the

reinstatement of a staircase - demolished by the Marquess of Bute in the 1890s - in the central hall must not be allowed; and that the hall's wall decorations (of poor quality and missing the three most important paintings) must not be touched. In the entrance hall four iron pillars - looking as if they had been found in a junk heap and supporting nothing - would have to remain. The principle of "no change" was sacrosanct. Our last hope was that English Heritage would give its statutory approval. It did so - and now we could build a staircase and remove the four pillars. But there was a qualification: English Heritage hoped the central hall decorations and (unsafe) balcony would be retained. Koch had had enough. Attempts by Luce and others to persuade him to await the outcome of yet another English Heritage meeting failed. The work-to-rules planners, the amenity societies and the preservationists had won a famous victory. Is it too much to ask that a parliamentary select committee be set up to ensure that such a thing never occurs again? And is it too much to hope that Koch, encouraged by such a step, will again seek home in Britain for his superb collection? The author was First Crown Estate Commissioner, 1962-77.

John Kay reads the lessons for Britain in present international trends

Tax reform is very much in the air. In the US, it is likely that the Senate and House of Representatives will soon agree on a compromise Bill which will represent the first radical restructuring of the American tax system since the war. Canada is likely to follow suit. New Zealand is implementing one of the most wide-ranging reforms any developed country has adopted. But the British record is disappointing. Nigel Lawson became Chancellor with the ambition, and the ability, to be a great tax reformer. For a few euphoric weeks after the 1984 Budget it seemed as if that ambition might be attainable. But it is now apparent that these reforms led nowhere. The latest attempt to revive interest in the subject - the Green Paper on the future of personal income taxation published with this year's Budget - has fizzled like a damp squib. Are there lessons to be learned from those countries overseas which are more successful in achieving effective implementation? There are, but they relate more to the process of tax reform than to the substance of the particular changes being introduced. We have more to learn from the Americans about how to do it than about what to do.

Can Lawson resist the tax reform tide?



From Punch, 1909

ity is even now sufficiently low that even if corporation tax revenues were to be doubled - which is impossible - income tax could be reduced by less than five points. And while we do have six different rates of income tax, around 95 per cent of all taxpayers pay only at the basic rate of 29 per cent. A self-satisfied Chancellor might well conclude that the Americans had at last realized that the British had got their tax system right all along. But the more appropriate lesson to draw would

poverty and unemployment traps resulting from the random interrelationship between their tax and social security systems. They do not have different and incompatible schemes of taxation for every form of personal saving known to man or investment institutions. Nor do they have our ludicrous interaction between alternately progressive and regressive national insurance contributions and income tax. They don't have a scheduled system in which different kinds of income are subject to different rules and the totality is incomprehensible for anyone with multiple sources of income. They don't treat married women as fiscal appendages of their husbands. Their system of local government finance, if not a brilliant success, is currently further away from total breakdown than ours. And their Internal Revenue Service runs its affairs at one quarter of the costs per pound or dollar collected incurred by our Inland Revenue. We have no less need of reform, but the reforms we need are different reforms.

If Chancellors insist on pulling rabbits out of the hat on Budget day, there is no possibility of achieving consensus for overall reform

be that the deficiencies of the British tax system are not those of the American, and neither are the needed reforms interchangeable. American taxation has suffered from the openness of the political system to congressional lobbyists. The result has been a myriad concessions to particular interest groups, often worthy causes as well as powerful ones, which have greatly eroded the personal and corporate tax base. Similar pressures exist in Britain, of course, but their effect has been much smaller and the success of interest groups has been more in sustaining existing positions than in establishing new ones. But the Americans don't have

sentiment was evident in Britain in 1984 where the commitment to tax reform won praise independently of most of the specific proposals. But the Americans have one major advantage which the British Chancellor lacked. The US reforms draw heavily on the contents of two major reports published by their Treasury in 1984 and 1985, which constitute a comprehensive review of the American tax system in outline and in detail. Lawson came to office with no such strategic plan and it does not appear he found one when in office. In the US, tax policy is clearly a Treasury responsibility and the Office of Tax Analysis is probably the most sophisticated body of its kind in the world. Tax policy in Britain rests mainly with the Inland Revenue. When reform enters the minds of Revenue officials, which is not often, it is mainly in pursuit of real or imaginary tax avoidance or in recommending the discontinuance of recently introduced changes in procedures. It should therefore come as no surprise that the most important components of the 1984 reform package were the abolition of subsidies to life insurance premiums (introduced in 1979) and the restoration of the corporation tax system to broadly the structure which it had in the early 1960s.

A simpler and more efficient tax system is not an impossible dream. A prerequisite is a strategic view of the appropriate directions of reform, widely communicated, discussed and agreed upon, which is central to the process of change in both the United States and New Zealand. If Chancellors insist on pulling rabbits out of the hat on Budget day, there is no possibility at all of achieving a consensus for any particular direction of reform. The next requirement is a balanced package of changes consistent with that strategic view. While such a package will inevitably involve gains and losers, there must be more gainers than losers. Norman Fowler's social security reviews failed to win popular support because they could be represented as motivated more by penny-pinching than by desire for a better structure of benefits. If the options presented are those of having the State Earnings Related Pensions Scheme or not having it, it should come as no surprise that even the half of the population whom surveys showed had never heard of it before abolition was proposed decide they would prefer to have it. But the net cost of such a package could be relatively modest - the £5 billion cost of reducing the basic rate of tax to 25 per cent could lubricate substantial changes to the structure of the system. It is, perhaps, now too late to define a strategy, devise a package of measures and implement it before the next election. It is not too late, now that it is clear that substantive tax reform is a vote winner not a vote loser, to put forward such a strategy in a manifesto. The lesson from America is there if any party is willing to take up the challenge. The author is director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

Raw paw flaw in the dog jog slog

Houston The dog, for some reason best known to others, was called Captain Kangaroo. He was a type of spaniel of indeterminate parentage, with large eyes, and ears that hung down disconsolately as if disheartened by the humidity and the heat. And yes, he hopped, after a fashion. In the morning he would leave his air-conditioned home just off Westheimer and follow his lank-haired master - with studied gait, the pair of them - off into some more optimistic future. The master was young, clean-limbed and fine-toned. He worked for a real-estate company in the heart of what was once a thriving boomtown, during the days when oil was king. Master and dog, with their most positive of attitudes, seemed determined to make it so again.

to the evening Captain Kangaroo would accompany his mistress on a slightly less arduous circuit. The heat of the 99th day still hung over the enervating pavements. Mistress, in her Houston Olympic Festival sweatshirt (worn sardonically, as her geometric hairstyle made quite clear), jogged purposefully but with style. Captain Kangaroo, less enthusiastic oow, followed doggedly behind. The asphalt was hot and cruel to the paw. Small wonder then, as a oew how to guide proclaims, that the doggie jogger was beginning to feel the strain of modern life. Dogs' masters have monopolized the modish ailments for too long. The only topics of conversation over the luncheon Perrier, apart from making lots of money, have been ankle sprains and shin-splints. But now the pets have

something to howl about. Vets all over the States are, apparently, reporting an epidemic of something called "jogger's paw" because more and more pet-owners have been insisting that their beasts accompany them on their tedious pavement-pounding. The result during the present hot spell has been a rash of painful hurns to the doggie's foot-pads. Now Davis, Anne Gallup, a Houston public relations woman, has come up with a diagnosis and, if not a cure, at least a prevention. She certainly knows the dog-jog scene. Five years ago she inaugurated the world's largest race for dogs and their owners, which annually brings together 1,000 six-legged tandem for a two-mile test of obedience and training. Now she has written a book, *Running With Man's Best Friend*. Doggie feet, she insists, must be kept away from the hot concrete and asphalt of Texas sidewalks. She also recommends that pets should build up their endurance gradually, starting with three 20-minute runs a week. "Statistics show that today many dogs are overweight, just like people," she says. Jogging can help create the "total animal", equipped to cope with the dog-eat-dog stresses of modern life. The book warns of "serious behaviour problems" that can result from modern dogs having too little to do. There is particular advice on jogging with a dog in fog and on dealing with skunks and porcupines. In the event of failure the reader always has recourse to the section on How to Muzzle a Dog. Paul Valley

Ted Honderich Ghana's right to speak out

Ghana was one of the first nations to withdraw from the Commonwealth Games, as a protest against Britain's resistance to sanctions. By doing so it laid itself open to criticism: what right, it has been asked, does the Ghanaian government have to preach liberty? It is but a military dictatorship, a regime owing its origins to a coup, sustained by force of arms. Surely the regime has no right to make gestures against oppression? In answering this, some history needs remembering. In June 1979, Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings led a rising against a government of corrupt and rapacious generals, who had done more to drag Ghana down than any of their predecessors. Some of its members were executed by the Rawlings' Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, which also distinguished itself by immediately holding a democratic election, and then withdrawing from the scene. The elected government, in the view of a great majority of Ghanaians, had no real will to deal with either the country's patent social injustices, or its economic decline. There is no doubt as to the second rising, led by Rawlings, in December 1981. The Second Coming, as it was called, was bloodless, and established what is today still the government of Ghana, the Provisional National Defence Council. The ideology of this council, of whose nine members only three are military, is a kind of egalitarianism joined to national aspiration. The egalitarianism is of the most fundamental kind, forever misconceived by its detractors. Its great goal is the raising up of the badly off. It has little to do with Marxism and is distinguished from humanitarianism only by its determination to take effective steps towards its goal. Those steps, it must be admitted, have included deterrent executions for "economic crimes"; immense criminal frauds against the state banks. These frauds are seen as taking food, medicine and books - the means to a barely tolerable life - from those who have recently had none of them, and now have little. Compare this ruling ideological principle to the ruling principle of the Thatcher government, which is to further advance the interests of those well able to look after themselves. By my lights, it is a government of moral culpability, compounded by an attachment to the barbarism of South Africa. Surely, then, the Ghanaian government has some authority to sit in judgement on its British counterpart? Still, it is not an elected government and it has lately shot seven conspirators for attempted insurrection. However, if the government is not elected, it is one the less representative. Despite its four and a half years of struggle with overwhelming economic difficulty, I would judge it has more popular support than the elected government it replaced. If an election were held today under more or less British conditions, it would very likely win.

The executions are responses to a real threat, very likely financed by others than Ghanaians, as the recent sentencing of a boatload of American mercenaries in Brazil indicates. What is fundamental, however, about the denial or curtailment of what are so unreflectively called "liberties", is the effect. In this case, the effect has been some small progress away from the awfulness of a society in which luxury lives side with deprivation. It is morally grotesque to run together, without differentiation, the constraint on liberty within Ghana today and the racist oppression of the South African state. The latter is wholly directed to the denial of the ideal which Ghana pursues. It will be said by some that the limited progress in Ghana towards the egalitarian end will ensure that it goes no further: in fact, that it will further impoverish the society. Is it not just one more enterprise in Utopianism, one more failure to recognize the realities of human nature and economic life? But an attempt to cope with realities has been, and continues to be, made. There has been an accommodation of the demands of both individuals - the cocoa farmers, for example - and such institutions as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. It is now not the case, as once it was, that someone bars himself from membership of his local Committee for the Defence of the Revolution by arriving at the meeting in a car. A new pay structure for public employees has lately been introduced. Those at its top now receive about five or six times the income of those at the bottom, rather than no more than twice as much. If Colonel Gaddafi visits Ghana he is followed, as he was the other week, by Jimmy Carter. Whatever one may think of it all, it is clear that Ghana is making its way forward mindful of what is, alas, the real world. There also exists, among what are called the organs of the revolution, the Commission for Democracy. Its brief is to receive submissions and arrive at a new form of government to succeed the Provisional National Defence Council. The inclination of its leader, Mr Justice Annan, who is also a member of the council, is not towards either a one-party state or party democracy along British lines. The latter is identified in Ghana with the ascendancy of one class and with a want of national concern and will. Annan speaks, rather, of a united national democratic front, of decentralization, and of a pyramidal structure of decision-making with affiliates to pre-colonial African tradition. It would be innocent to suppose that the country and its government is anything other than struggling. But it is an honourable struggle, by those to whom we should listen. The author, a writer on political philosophy, recently visited the University of Ghana as external examiner.

moreover... Miles Kingston

The scene's the thing

Have you noticed that whenever theatre critics are stuck for something nice to say about the play or the actors, they spend a lot of time lavishing praise on the sets? You sometimes get the impression that sets are getting better as plays get worse. Accordingly, I am working on a major new West End smash hit, entitled simply:

SCENERY (A play for many sets, and a couple of actors.)

The lights go up to reveal that the scene is Venice, to enormous applause. Two actors stroll on, to no applause at all. They are playing Tom and Jerry, two interchangeable parts obtainable from your local hardware store. Tom: Where are we? Jerry: (studying the backdrop) Looks like Venice to me. Tom: Ah, Venice! I was in Venice once. Jerry: You're in Venice now. Tom: Well, yes, in a manner of speaking. From another point of view I am standing in front of a painting of Venice, to make people think I am in Venice. Jerry: My God - you don't suppose we're in a Stoppard play? Tom: It's a funny thing, you know. To make an audience think that actors are to Venice, they put them in front of a painting of Venice. But if the writer had set the scene in a bedroom in which one wall was a vast painting of Venice, it would look exactly the same! Tom: It wouldn't. There'd be a bed. Jerry: Put it another way. When you're in a big cinema and the cinema organ comes up, how can you tell that the organ is not stationary and the whole cinema going down? Tom: My God, it is a Stoppard play. At this point the whole backdrop starts going down, very slowly. There is a round of clapping. Jerry: Look. It's true what they say - Venice is sinking. Tom: Just a moment, there's something wrong here. If Venice is sinking, we are going up.

Shouldn't the backdrop be going up? The backdrop stops sinking, and then starts rising. The stage starts to fill with water, to deafening applause. Jerry: Ah, here comes a gondola. A gondola enters, containing life-size figures of John Julius Norwich, Bernard Levin and Jan Morris, all selling books on Venice. It passes over. Damn, it's full. Enter a bridge, which stops mid-stage. Tom and Jerry climb up it gratefully. Tom: Another thing. There are only two of us in the play. Jerry: My God. You mean...? Tom: Yes. We're in one of those plays spawned by Sleuth. One of us has to murder the other. Jerry: Only he's not really dead. Tom: And comes back in disguise. Magically, the Venetian set vanishes and we are suddenly on a bridge overlooking a motorway - there is a sign in the background saying Services 1m, and we hear non-stop traffic noise. Ovation. Jerry: Well, better get on with it. He picks up Tom by the heels and tosses him over the bridge. We hear a pile-up on the road below. A police car glides on to bridge and policeman gets out in black goggles. Stupendous applause. Policeman: Excuse me, sir, but did you know it was against motorway regulations to place a pedestrian on the carriageway? Jerry: It's only you, isn't it, Tom? Tom: That's just you, disguised as a policeman, isn't it? Apparently not, because we now see Tom climbing painfully on to the bridge. Tom: Well, I'm only guessing, but I'd say it was another extremely clever bit of scenery. A hologram, probably. The curtain starts coming down slowly. Jerry: Then who is pulling the curtain down? Tom: Only guessing again, but I'd imagine it was the critics storming backstage and dropping the curtain two hours prematurely because they can't stand another two-hander with fantastic scenery. Jerry: Then what...? He is cut off by the final drop of the curtain. The audience goes off to the theatre bar and stays there for two hours.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 5: His Excellency Lieutenant-General Mir Shawkat Ali...

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission...

Mr. William Harding (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)...

His Excellency Monsieur Leon N'Dong and Madam N'Dong were received in farewell audience...

Mr. L.L. Davies and Lady Barlas The marriage took place on Saturday, July 26...

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Sir Arthur, who was musical director of the BBC during the Second World War, wrote more than 130 symphonies, concertos, operas and ballets. Many of his early manuscripts were destroyed in the German bombing of London. He died in 1975.

The trust particularly wanted to locate the last three movements of his Colour Symphony, which made his reputation in 1922. The first movement is held in the American Library of Congress.

Sir Arthur's widow, Lady Bliss, who chairs the 10-member trust, said she believed many documents and letters were scattered in private hands.

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Mr D.H.F. McGee and Miss A.J. Tyler The engagement is announced between Damien, second son of Mr and Mrs Terence A.F. McGee, of Beckenham, Kent, and Amanda Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan H. Tyler, of Lambley, Nottingham.

Dr D.J. Palmer and Miss P.J. Rillason The engagement is announced between David John, son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Palmer, of Kenilworth, Bristol, and Penelope Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Rillason, of Pontnewydd, Gwent.

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After taking a Classics degree at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and spending two years in Athens with a studentship of the British School of Archaeology, he joined the staff of the British Museum as an assistant keeper in the department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities in 1932.

He had wide-ranging interests and his knowledge of classical archaeology fitted him well for the task of sorting and cataloguing the beautiful carved ivories found by Layard and Loftus in the last century at Nimrud. Much preliminary conservation treatment of these delicate pieces was necessary, but with the interruption of the war, the Catalogue, a mine of information and suggestive ideas, did not appear until 1957.

Barnett was away from the museum throughout the war, at the Admiralty and the Foreign Office; and then, from 1942-46, he served as an RAF intelligence officer in Egypt, Syria, Libya and Turkey.

After the war, he played an active part in the founding, in 1949, of the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, and served on the councils of a number of institutes and schools.

The areas of contact between cultures such as Turkey and Western Iran always intrigued him, and many of his most thought-provoking articles dealt with such matters. His major work in the post-war period was, however, the publication of the Assyrian bas-reliefs, and his volumes on The Sculptures of Tiglath-pileser III (1962), The Sculptures of Ashurbanipal (1976) and Sennacherib, ready for press, will stand as monuments.

Barnett was appointed keeper of the newly-formed department of western Asiatic antiquities at the British Museum in 1955, and soon launched on a vigorous programme of reorganization of the storage areas under his care, establishing departmental conservators to deal with the collections, and creating a students' room for visiting scholars. At the same time, he pursued a judicious and active acquisitions policy.

On the more public side, his major reorganization of the Assyrian sculpture galleries made much better sense of this important collection. Biblical history was a strong interest to which he often returned in his publications. For many years, he served committees of the Palestine Exploration Fund and the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem; he was largely instrumental in founding the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society; and he concluded his Museum career by opening an Ancient Palestine room.

Outside the museum, Barnett played an active part in the life of the Sephardic Jewish community in London, publishing books and articles on Anglo-Jewish history.

Richard Barnett was a kind-hearted and lovable man, and though he battled greatly for his Museum department and other causes, he will be very much missed by those who knew him.

He leaves a widow, Barbara, whom he married in 1948, two sons and a daughter.

Dr Otmir Emminger, president of the West German Bundesbank from 1977 to 1979, and formerly for seven years vice-president, died in the Philippines on August 2. He was 75.

Born at Augsburg on March 2, 1911, he studied at the universities of Berlin, Munich and Edinburgh before working for a doctorate at the London School of Economics.

From 1947 to 1950 he was Economics Minister in the government of Bavaria, and in 1950 joined the Bank Deutscher Länder, forerunner of the Bundesbank. For six years he was his country's executive director at the IMF, and for nearly 20 years vice-president of the EEC's Monetary Committee. In addition he gave long service on the deputies' committee of the Group of Ten, and as member and chairman of the key Working Party Three of the OECD.

His books included studies of British currency policy after the First World War (1934) and of inflation and the international monetary system (1973).

He was twice married and twice divorced.

Science report

Human fertility project helps zoos

Work done at a London hospital to overcome one of the causes of infertility among women could help zoologists to breed endangered species in captivity.

When women cannot conceive because they do not ovulate, this condition can sometimes be remedied by hormonal treatment, which activates the oestrogen-producing tissues of the ovaries and stimulates ovulation.

At the Middlesex Hospital, Professor Howard Jacobs has had significant success with an automatic pump worn by his patients, which delivers regular doses of specific hormones.

Using this device, about 70 previously infertile women produced normal babies and a further 30 or so are now pregnant.

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Television

Dry old world

Desertification is an ugly modern word for drought. *Vanishing Earth* (BBC2), the second of two special reports on the state of the oceans, flashed up a map of the world with the drought areas marked in each continent and examined two different approaches to making deserts bloom.

In the western United States, the basic approach to drought was to throw money at the problem and an ecological disaster was imminent: the million-dollar irrigation scheme bringing water from the Colorado river raised the concentration of selenium in the soil so high that a different kind of infertility threatened the crops.

This was a dull programme, rich in foreign film but poor in intellectual analysis. The average British television viewer must by now know a great deal about the farming methods of famine-stricken African communities and scarcely needs another practical lesson in harvesting sorghum or winnowing millet, picturesque as these activities appear when they are unconnected with one's own diet.

The conclusion that drought would eventually overcome humanity's petty opposition, loomed behind both case-studies, but it was scarcely stated, let alone adopted as the starting-point for the discovery of alternative approaches. Politics clearly played a crucial part in the war against drought in both countries, but this analysis was also missing.

The starting point for the Great Western Railway was Bream's, imposing Temple Meads station in Bristol, from which locomotives of the Iron Duke class passed majestically through the Devon fields taking Victorian goods to the seaside.

Steam Days (BBC2) is a programme for hard-core railway enthusiasts which is made in an agreeably archaic style that accords with the nostalgic charm of its subject. This is hard on the presenter, Miles Kington, who was obliged to plough through staged interviews with glazy-eyed railway experts, disguising his own delightful conversational talents and murmuring intelligible stuff on the lines of "Of course, what is so amazing is that it's getting a big building."

It was impossible to disguise the beauty of the countryside around the Exe and the Tamar or the inspiring scale of Victorian engineering achievement.

Celia Brayfield

Theatre

A fretful ghost of O'Neill

Long Day's Journey into Night

Eugene O'Neill's penultimate play - widely regarded as his masterpiece, and (at least in his native America) sometimes touted as the greatest thing since *King Lear* - has attracted fine companies on both sides of the Atlantic. If the modern American benchmark is the 1971 Broadway production with Robert Ryan and Geraldine Fitzgerald, the English version in whose shade all others sprout is the celebrated National Theatre production (also of 1971) with Laurence Olivier and Constance Cummings.

Jonathan Miller's new production comes to London from its success across the Atlantic with an all-American cast and three Tony award nominations. It also comes, like some fretful ghost, with all its imperfections on its head. These include maudlin emotionalism, clumsy revelation and a general tendency to witlessness. The shambling, logorrhic script has as much sense of proportion as a robot which has been programmed to bang its head against a brick wall until its batteries have run down - by which time, of course, everyone

Long Day's Journey into Night

in earshot has tinnitus. It has often been stated that the play cannot be cut without sacrificing precisely those qualities that give the work its alleged power. Dr Miller's partial remedy consists of speeding up certain passages through the overlapping of speeches - and not simply splicing the end of one on to the beginning of another but actually multi-tracking two or more simultaneously. The present company has certainly been well drilled in bringing this trick off in light-operatic fashion, and the fact that little sense emerges from the jumbled discordantly hardy matters. The problem is rather that, in suggesting that the variously crippled characters have grown used to not listening to one another, this production presents them as altogether too amiable, too ordinary. One can almost imagine their neighbours in the next holiday home along the waterfront tittering at intervals throughout the long day "It's those noisy Tyrone's again, having another family row".

This was not, I think, O'Neill's intention. *Long Day's Journey* was a conscious attempt to exorcise his feelings of guilt and resentment towards his own family by turning them into a kind of degenerate, 20th-century House of Atreus (and it matters little that the exact



Bethel Leslie an engagingly harrowed mother with Kevin Spacey (left) and Jack Lemmon

historical parallels were grotesquely distorted: the best "autobiographical" fiction is the story of emotions, not of facts). So James Tyrone, the father, is made parsimonious by his impoverished upbringing, the attraction of easy money leads him to ruin his career as a classical actor, his stinginess makes him cheapen his wife's medical treatment, with the result that she becomes a morphine addict, with no anchor to hold them, his sons drop out, the elder becoming a dipso, the younger (supposedly O'Neill himself, and the most sympathetic of the lot) succumbing to tuberculosis.

As the prime mover in this tragedy, the one whose personality dominates everything from the others' relationships to the use of light bulbs, the father ought properly to provide the dynamic of the piece, steadily growing into his true form as the day sinks along with the Jack Daniels. Jack Lemmon starts off fussy and irascible and sober, and ends up fussy and irascible and drunk, which is not the same thing as dramatic progress: ineffectual at registering concern about Jamie's deleterious influence on the younger Edmund and at expressing outrage at the firm's attitude to their mother,

he fails also in the crucial task of making us care about any of them. He has, quite simply, no steel to draw on where steel is required, and no big voice for the thunder-claps of denunciation in the last act. Playing a faded barnstormer, he simply lacks stagey gestures on the sardonically dyspeptic persona we know so well from his film career. This is a two-dimensional cartoon acting - very professional and very unmoving.

Bethel Leslie as the harrowed mother is considerably more engaging. The role has many of the most telling lines and she gets full mileage from them, while her appearances in the last two acts give a convincing impression of progressive morphine intake.

Martin Cropper

Dance in London Tale of two cities

There is a unique opportunity this week to compare, almost side by side, the two oldest surviving treatments of the Prokofiev *Romeo and Juliet*. They are as different as can be, and neither of them has been surpassed by any subsequent version.

The Festival Ballet is presenting Ashuro's version, as fine, clear and vivid as an Old Master drawing, at the Festival Hall. Leonid Lavrovsky's version for the Bolshoi Ballet is rich and full-blooded: more like an oil painting.

A shortened version of it can be seen in a season of Old Bolshoi films at the Barbican, lumbered with an irritating commentary (this was the first long ballet film, and producers were presumably nervous) but preserving the incomparable performance of Galina Ulanova as Juliet, supported by a Romeo, Fybal and Mercutio of exceptional dramatic or romantic presence. There are some young men in the Bolshoi Ballet today whose athletic virtuosity would have been unimaginable 30 years ago when this film was made, but something of theatrical weight and authority has been lost in breeding them.

We eagerly await this week seeing what the new generation can make of *Spartacus*. There is a ballet to separate the men from the boys. Its original antagonists, Vladimir Vassiliev and Maris Lipsa, can be seen in another of the Barbican films. An amazingly young Vassiliev also plays Innocent Ivan in the dance

version of an enchanting Russian fairy-tale, *The Hump-backed Horse*, with Maya Plisetskaya as the maiden whose love he wins.

As it happens, Galina Ulanova is in London to coach some of the leading women of the Bolshoi company appearing at Covent Garden. We may take it that she was pleased with Nina Semizorova's Raymonda last week (her first performance in the role) since she shared the curtain-calls with her protégée. This was a beautiful performance, bringing out the great variety of tone and shading that Petipa wrote into his heroine's mini-soles.

But it is not only from the Bolshoi that you can see exceptional performances. At the Festival Hall on Saturday I saw Trinidad Seviliano's Giselle, as true and touching an interpretation of the role as I have seen from a young newcomer in almost 20 years. Seviliano also has had special coaching from an old dancer, in her case Geisey Kirkland, and happily the result of intensive rehearsal is to enable her to achieve the impression of absolute spontaneity in every movement.

I thought Matt Skoog's Albrecht, although caring and skilled, too hard to make the most of her. Seviliano might be better suited opposite Patrick Armand's unusually romantic and ardent performance - another of last week's many London debuts.

John Percival

By the time the interval comes in Saturday's Prom, the Albert Hall arena may well have found a new hero. Håkan Hardenberger is 24, Swedish, highly articulate and personable. According to a persistent whisper going round the brass-playing business, he might also be the best trumpet player in the world.

It will not be his first British appearance; there is the small matter of the 22,000 people who were present for his all-fresco performance of Elgar Howarth's Trumpet Concerto at Crystal Palace two years ago. It will not even be his first time in the Albert Hall. Last October he made a guest appearance there at the National Brass Band Championships. Switching to the cornet and playing a set of virtuosic Victorian variations on "Rule, Britannia!", he dazzled even the hard-nosed cornet players from Yorkshire colliery bands.

This time, however, the test will be artistic as well as technical, for at the Proms Hardenberger is to give the first performance of Gordon Crosse's *Array*, a challenging 20-minute piece for trumpet and 64 strings (divided, as in Vaughan Williams's Tallis Fantasia, into three unequal groups). Hardenberger is passionately committed to playing new music, and well acquainted with contemporary trends. "I do believe that the trumpet is the instrument of today - and of the future, if classical music has any", he says, citing Maxwell Davies, Peter Serocki and Stockhausen as composers who have written or are writing substantial pieces for the instrument.

Even at 24 he has already played an important part in this process. "I used to approach composers to write pieces for me, but I have four premieres this season. That is enough for now, I think." Besides the Crosse, these are by Michael Blake Watkins, the Swedish composer Sven-David Sandström and - most intriguingly - Harrison Birtwistle. Are composers still trying to stretch the technical limits of the instrument? "Yes, some of them do make a point of that. They generally consult to see whether I have



Håkan Hardenberger (above) looks set to take Saturday's Prom audience, and the whole world of brass playing, by storm: interview by Richard Morrison

The trumpeter transcendent

objections, but usually I were eight years old, it is not such a big problem I think." Hardenberger's search for new material has actually led him to some very old material. He studied the baroque trumpet (though he does not play it publicly) to discover the proper way of articulating 18th-century music, and this October he will record a newly-discovered Stamitz concerto, which has possibly not been played for 200 years. His repertoire naturally includes the familiar items - Haydn, the Hummel - but he also champions little-known

London debuts Too little character

The Leonardo Trio at present seems slightly ill-balanced. The violinist Mayumi Seliyer's playing is a little thin in tone, nor does she always maintain adequate intonation, and this spoils the effect of Caroline Palmer's meticulously rounded piano-playing. Nor is the cellist as assertive as one would have desired. The group was much more adept in the firmly melodic style of Schubert's B flat Trio than in exploring the exotically magical world of the Ravel Trio, but even here the members still branched from making any personal statement about the music.

The Mählfeld Trio takes its name from the elarictistif who moved Brahms to write various works, and therefore it was fitting that they should have concluded their programme with his A minor Trio, Op 114. But Victoria Soames definitely has a long way to go before she can live up to the great man's achievement. There is a tendency in her playing to make a crescendo at every entry, and her tone in Elisabeth Lutyens's tedious Trio was unpleasantly raucous. It was far more the sympathetic piano-playing of Tanya Isaacson that made a mark. She has developed the ability to listen to herself and her partners.

Elizabeth Halton is not a true mezzo-soprano: her lower register has too slender a timbre. I could have forgiven her very indistinct enunciation and propensity to swallow phrase-endings had her voice been of a higher quality, but not until some vocally untaxing songs by Rodrigo at the end of her recital did she produce anything at all catching. I was even grateful that her accompanist, Piers Lane, was often too loud - he is an inspiring musician. I only hope that I was hearing Miss Halton on an off-day.

James Methuen-Campbell

Paul Griffiths at Denmark's friendly musical workshop Birtwistle grows expansive

Last year the Lerchenborg Workshop, taking place in a large and isolated country seat on the Danish coast, was all about getting British instrumentalists into contact with Danish composers: the Arditti Quartet were there to play and discuss works by those well established and by young students. This time there were student pieces again, but the main bridge was built the other way, allowing British composers to work with Danish musicians.

Harrison Birtwistle and Simon Bainbridge led the team for this return match. Birtwistle being no tremendous form. Quite by contrast with his manner only a few years ago, he has become a robust conversationalist and easy public speaker. Rehearsing his

Deowa for soprano and clarinet, his *Pulse Sampler* for oboe and clavichord, and his *Clarinet Quartet*, he was able to talk in some detail about craft, but perhaps the most intriguing insights came in the more open-ended seminars.

There was the suggestion that all his pieces are striking back to the untutored music he wrote in his childhood, the simple music that he mischievously compared with Arvo Pärt's current production. Or there were the revelations of his early theatrical projects: a piece for solo instrument and mime conceived when he was nine, and an abstract drama with black and pink décor intended for the Sunday School stage but unsurprisingly never realized. Or again there was the

characterization of his present self as a sculptor more than a modeller of sound: one concerned not with assembling notes but rather with carving out of the continuum.

The performances were not of the sort to provide sudden illuminations, but there were careful and dedicated accounts of *Deowa* by Marianne Lund and Niels Thomsen and of *Pulse Sampler* by Helen Jahren. As Birtwistle himself put it, these pieces are drawings, the satellites of his major compositions. An opportunity for the pianists to be heard and discussed during a session when he introduced tapes of *Silbury Air* and the majestic recent *Earth Dances*, which the luckier British audience will have the chance to hear at the Proms on August 27.

Bainbridge had rather less chance to show himself at Lerchenborg. Again there was a morning of tapes, which excited interest: one prominent Danish composer suggested a curious comparison with Delius. Maybe that view would have been unsettled if we had heard more of Bainbridge's music in concert than a very early string quartet, but his contribution was reduced to that by the lack from him of a commissioned work and by unfortunate cancellations.

Nevertheless, much was achieved in the exchange of information. That cannot be bad, and surely cannot affect the "national identity" that was a predictable subject of conversation at Lerchenborg. Birtwistle's music is as English and regional as the burr of his voice, but as international as his present celebrity. And maybe there is a leaf or two of Delius in Bainbridge's urban style.

Promenade Concert Tautly obsessive tensions

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Before *The Electrification of the Soviet Union*, we heard *The Sickle*. While we wait to see how Glyndebourne will receive Nigel Osborne's new opera next year, the Proms responded enthusiastically to his setting of two Russian poems. Both were written in response to the Revolution; both poets died later by their own hands.

Jane Manning, who introduced *The Sickle* to Britain in 1980, after its premiere in the Netherlands 10 years ago, unerringly re-created the obsessive tensions of its verbal and musical fabric. Esenin looked backwards in his "Our Golden Wood"; Mayakovsky tramped forward in his "Our March". Osborne, at his most taut and selective, drives the close-miked voice in and out of speech, from nostalgic melisma to exhortation, with equal intensity.

In the first poem, tight nerve-knots of woodland threaten to strangle the poet's "useless heap" of words. In the second, they become

hysterical whirlygigs, rounding on his declamation with a leering irony at which Shostakovich would doubtless have wrily smiled.

This and Britten's *Nocturne*, formed the evening's substantial centres. Robert Tear gave the sort of performance in the Britten possible only after years of assimilation of the work's weights and waves of energy: corporeal enough to anchor the metre of Keats's "Sleep and Poetry" and suspended lightly enough above the cor anglais obbligato to echo the assonances of Owen's "Kind Ghosts".

If in this work the City of London Sinfonia showed itself as an admirable band of soloists, then two Delius pieces vindicated their strength and sophistication of ensemble. Richard Hickox conducted long-breathed, fine-textured performances of both *On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring* and *Summer Night on the River*.

Just as these two idyls cushioned the human voice on either side, so, on the outer rims of the evening, string music by Britten and Walton acted as opening and closing astringent for the ear. Britten's

Prelude and Fugue for 16-part String Orchestra was answered by Walton's ripe Sonata for string orchestra.

With Andrew Watkinson's mercurial violin leading, one could not help but wonder if Walton had been right after all to flesh out the elusive invention of his A minor String Quartet into the essentially textural resonance of this sturdier frame.

Hilary Finch

Advertisement for Steinway pianos. It features a large image of a grand piano and text describing the quality and craftsmanship of Steinway instruments. The text includes the name 'The 525,600 Minute Waltz' and 'STEINWAY'. It also provides contact information for Steinway Hall in London and mentions that Steinway pianos can also be seen in Belfast, Bolton, Cardiff, Chester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Highcliffe, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham and Oxford.

Advertisement for 'SHOOTING TIMES & Country magazine'. It features a large image of a magazine cover with the text 'THE LEADING FIELD SPORTS WEEKLY. Every Thursday 70p'. Below the magazine image, it says 'GROUSE SHOOTING ISSUE OUT TOMORROW'.

Vertical text on the far left edge of the page, including 'LAMBERT', 'BARNETT', and 'MMINGER'. The text is partially cut off and difficult to read, but appears to be a list of names or a sidebar.

Girl, 8, is the heroine of base terrorist attack



Heroine Rebecca Malpas, left, discussing her ordeal with her mother, Eileen, father and brother Adam.

Akrotiri, Cyprus (AP) — A small girl was yesterday hailed as the heroine of a guerrilla attack on the British Air Force base here.

Rebecca Malpas, aged eight, ignored the close-range automatic rifle fire of pro-Libyan terrorists, grabbed her brother Adam, aged two, and carried him to safety, Group Captain Colin Adams, the base commander said. "She was a real heroine."

Rebecca said: "I heard shooting and then saw two or three men firing in our direction from the other side of the fence. I threw a blanket over Adam and then ran into the sailing club building. I was frightened and I only thought of getting away."

Her mother, Mrs Eileen Malpas, aged 32, said: "Thank God for her

'Triumvirate' takes over sanction fight

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in South Africa, and on the promotion of tourism, which Mrs Thatcher said could come into force immediately.

British officials said yesterday that although the bans were voluntary the Government would be doing its best, as in the case of the Gleneagles agreement which discourages sporting links with South Africa, to see they were observed.

The London summit ended early yesterday with an agreement to disagree. Mrs Thatcher on one side and her six colleagues from Canada, Australia, India, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the Bahamas on the other.

The tensions which had been scarcely hidden during the conference exploded yesterday morning with angry attacks on Mrs Thatcher from other leaders. Dr Kenneth Kaunda, the Zambian President, said that Mrs Thatcher had "cut a very pathetic picture at the summit — very pathetic indeed."

He asked: "Why must Britain remain behind? Because of the Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher is worshipping gold and platinum and the rest," he declared.

Before flying home Mr Gandhi said: "Britain is not the leader any more, not in the Commonwealth. It is losing its position because it is compromising its position on moral principles over economic needs."

The Prime Minister, in a BBC Radio interview yesterday, emphasized that the summit communiqué had said for the first time that if South Africa moved in the direction the Commonwealth wanted, the sanctions it imposed could be lifted.

British officials were dismissive of threats of reprisals against Britain detected in the remarks of Mr Mugabe after the summit. It was noted that they had been made to the media and not in the summit.

But the question of British airlines overflying rights in countries like Zambia is certain to be one of the issues discussed at a meeting of the frontline states in Luanda soon.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday ruled out an early visit by himself to South Africa, and appeared to rule out any suggestions that Britain would compensate the frontline states for the effects of sanctions against South Africa.

There's no doubt God almighty was on our side. We were very lucky not to have more casualties," Group Captain Adams said.

Report denied: Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş yesterday denied reports that the guerrillas came from the Turkish sector (Reuter reports from Nicosia).

Pereira came out of the house after the half-hour gunfight, and that the second convict, Augusto Jose Ramalho, 31, killed himself moments later. One policeman was grazed by a bullet.

Police said only Pereira and Ramalho were in the house and the remaining four convicts were still being sought. Police accused two of the others, Jose Faustino Cavaco and Germano Raposinho, of killing three guards during the escape.

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Thatcher stand escapes Tory Party criticism

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Pound and oil price buoyed by Opec pact

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agreement did not imply that Opec was abandoning its policy of trying to increase its market share.

Mr Michael Unsworth, oil industry analyst with the London broker Smith New Court, said: "We could see rising prices and a tight market in the fourth quarter."

Opec is now waiting to see what co-operation will emerge from the non-member oil producers, but is already resigned to the fact that Britain will not officially interfere in current North Sea output, now running at summer levels of 2.2 mbd.

The Department of Energy said that policy would remain unchanged.

Other non-Opec oil producers, such as Mexico, Malaysia, Oman, Brunei and Egypt, are also expected to announce cuts in output.

The new quotas, close to those agreed in London in March 1983, are Algeria 663,000 bpd; Ecuador 183,000 bpd; Gabon 137,000 bpd; Indonesia 1.18 million bpd; Iran 2.3 million bpd; Kuwait 900,000 bpd; Libya 950,000 bpd; Nigeria 1.3 million bpd; Qatar 280,000 bpd; Saudi Arabia 4.35 million bpd; UAE 950,000 bpd; Venezuela 1.55 million bpd. Iran will be allowed to produce 1.6 million bpd, compared with its previous quota of 1.2 million bpd.

Escaped convict dies

Quarteira, Portugal (AP) — One of six armed convicts who escaped from a maximum security prison last week gave himself up yesterday after a shootout with police. Another escaped convict killed himself after the gunfight.

"We surrounded a house they were using for a hideout, and told them to surrender, and they just opened up on us with automatic weapons," a police spokesman said.

Police said Carlos Alberto

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Books — hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Reagan, Thatcher, and the Politics of Decline, by Joel Krueger (Polity, £22.50)

The Secret World of Fred Hoyle, by Sir Fred Hoyle (Michael Joseph, £10.95)

The Extraterrestrial Life Debate 1750-1900, by Michael J. Crowe (CUP, £40)

Architecture of the British Empire, edited by Robert Heskeith (Waldenfield, £25)

London's Churches, by Elizabeth Wayland Young (Griffin Books, £12.95)

The Berlin Wall, by Norman G. Finkelstein (Michael Joseph, £14.95)

Diagnosis of the Desert War, by Michael Carver (Batsford, £14.95)

Broken Swastika: The Defeat of the Luftwaffe, by Werner Beumbech (Robert Hale, £9.50)

All About the Working Border Collie, by Marjorie Quinlan (Falcon, £9.95)

Roads

Scotland: A87: Ross and Cromarty: single-lane traffic at Glen Shiel between 8am and 6pm. A85 Tayside (Perthshire): temporary lights. Perth A88 Strathmore: lane closed near Auchanlins roundabout.

The North: M6 Merseyside: lane closures between junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich). Contrailow. A46 Warwickshire: work in connection with Stratford bypass. A130 Essex: delays along Warwick by pass. M1 Leicestershire: road works at junction 20 (Lutterworth).

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Anniversaries

Births: Alfred, 1st Baron Tennyson, poet Laureate 1850-92. Somerset, Lincolnshire, 1809; Paul Claudel, poet, Villeneuve-sur-Fin, France, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist, discoverer of penicillin, Lochcreevy, Ireland, 1881; Strathclyde, 1881.

Deaths: Anne Hathaway, Stratford-on-Avon, 1633; Diego Velázquez, painter, Madrid, 1660.

The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, 1945.

Funds contest

Nominations are invited between now and mid-October for the 1986 Fundraiser of the Year competition, in which prizes totalling £1,000 are offered to help charities of the winners' choice. Details from: Melyna Hayes, Fundraiser of the Year Awards 1986, c/o Webb Ivory Ltd., Birley Bank, Preston, Lancs PR1 4AE.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 2pm and 6.15pm.

Weather forecast

A depression is expected to move slowly N over Ireland with troughs of low pressure moving NE across England and Wales. Most districts will begin cloudy with occasional rain which will be heavy at times.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel: Cloudy, mainly dry at first, rain later. Wind S moderate. Max temp 20C (68F).

Central S England, Midlands, E, SW, Central N England: Occasional rain, becoming mainly dry later with bright or sunny intervals. Wind S becoming SW fresh or strong. Max temp 19C (66F).

Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Is. of Man: Rain at first, bright intervals and heavy showers developing. Wind S becoming SW fresh or strong. Max temp 18C (64F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Rain to gale at times. Wind S strong to gale. Max temp 15C (59F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, mainly dry. Wind NE light or moderate. Max temp 14C (57F).

N Ireland: Rain-heavy at times. Wind N strong to gale. Max temp 15C (59F).

Brighter drier tomorrow and Friday: Brighter drier tomorrow spreading from the W.

Lighting-up time

London 9.11 pm to 5.03 am
Bristol 9.20 pm to 5.19 am
Cardiff 9.18 pm to 5.17 am
Manchester 9.28 pm to 5.24 am
Preston 9.28 pm to 5.29 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Belfast 11.61 Glasgow 11.61
Strathgairn 11.73 Inverness 11.85
Bristol 11.63 London 11.63
Cardiff 11.75 Manchester 11.61
Edinburgh 11.67 Newcastle 11.61
Glasgow 11.67 Plymouth 11.67

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ACROSS

1 A Tory held in affection in the recess (6).

4 He breaks the code of a Guard (8).

10 Song cycle a university rejected (9).

11 Dull as Guiderius's golden lads and girls, eventually? (5).

12 Son is held improperly — a feature of the defence (7).

13 In the middle of which we're completely isolated (7).

14 Order of electrically charged particles (5).

15 Wind up universal combine? It's permanent (8).

18 Soundly thrash and grub about for something to eat (8).

20 Many a pained cry from a patient supporter (5).

23 High platform — warning to passengers at the entrance (7).

25 What to do if she complains of the cold? (7).

26 Wood for Ben's tee, say (5).

27 A rare drug prepared for backward soldiers (9).

28 Indescribable, not having a handle (8).

29 Band to take care of before acting (6).

DOWN

1 Problem causing endless trouble for Costa Rica (8).

2 Prudence is an amusing person (7).

3 In other words, cited evil wrongly (9).

5 European aviator whose landfall in Norway was noted (6,8).

6 Provide means of support for some heathen down south (5).

7 Make out record on the computer that's left (7).

8 Poetry of a Welshman about a New England state (6).

9 Alexander's application for a break? (7,2,5).

16 Figure reportedly ruined one of the first to settle (9).

17 Woman delivered article for some (8).

19 Internal transmitter broadcast a murder (7).

21 Like Keats's sweeter melodies, not attracting an audience (7).

22 Extremely aloof, greyish Asian hound? (6).

24 Slug with a left — it's all that's needed (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,116

ACROSS

10 GARDEN

11 DULL

12 SON

13 ISLAND

14 ORDER

15 ELECTRIC

18 SOUND

20 MANY

23 PLATFORM

25 DO

26 WOOD

27 RARE

28 UNDEScribable

29 BAND

DOWN

1 PROBLEM

2 PRUDENCE

3 HEATHEN

5 EUROPEAN

6 KEATS

7 WIFE

8 WELSH

9 ALEXANDER

16 SETTLE

17 WOMAN

19 MURDER

21 KEATS

22 HOUND

24 SLUG

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Books — hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Reagan, Thatcher, and the Politics of Decline, by Joel Krueger (Polity, £22.50)

The Secret World of Fred Hoyle, by Sir Fred Hoyle (Michael Joseph, £10.95)

The Extraterrestrial Life Debate 1750-1900, by Michael J. Crowe (CUP, £40)

Architecture of the British Empire, edited by Robert Heskeith (Waldenfield, £25)

London's Churches, by Elizabeth Wayland Young (Griffin Books, £12.95)

The Berlin Wall, by Norman G. Finkelstein (Michael Joseph, £14.95)

Diagnosis of the Desert War, by Michael Carver (Batsford, £14.95)

Broken Swastika: The Defeat of the Luftwaffe, by Werner Beumbech (Robert Hale, £9.50)

All About the Working Border Collie, by Marjorie Quinlan (Falcon, £9.95)

Roads

Scotland: A87: Ross and Cromarty: single-lane traffic at Glen Shiel between 8am and 6pm. A85 Tayside (Perthshire): temporary lights. Perth A88 Strathmore: lane closed near Auchanlins roundabout.

The North: M6 Merseyside: lane closures between junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich). Contrailow. A46 Warwickshire: work in connection with Stratford bypass. A130 Essex: delays along Warwick by pass. M1 Leicestershire: road works at junction 20 (Lutterworth).

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Anniversaries

Births: Alfred, 1st Baron Tennyson, poet Laureate 1850-92. Somerset, Lincolnshire, 1809; Paul Claudel, poet, Villeneuve-sur-Fin, France, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist, discoverer of penicillin, Lochcreevy, Ireland, 1881; Strathclyde, 1881.

Deaths: Anne Hathaway, Stratford-on-Avon, 1633; Diego Velázquez, painter, Madrid, 1660.

The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, 1945.

Funds contest

Nominations are invited between now and mid-October for the 1986 Fundraiser of the Year competition, in which prizes totalling £1,000 are offered to help charities of the winners' choice. Details from: Melyna Hayes, Fundraiser of the Year Awards 1986, c/o Webb Ivory Ltd., Birley Bank, Preston, Lancs PR1 4AE.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 2pm and 6.15pm.

Weather forecast

A depression is expected to move slowly N over Ireland with troughs of low pressure moving NE across England and Wales. Most districts will begin cloudy with occasional rain which will be heavy at times.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel: Cloudy, mainly dry at first, rain later. Wind S moderate. Max temp 20C (68F).

Central S England, Midlands, E, SW, Central N England: Occasional rain, becoming mainly dry later with bright or sunny intervals. Wind S becoming SW fresh or strong. Max temp 19C (66F).

Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Is. of Man: Rain at first, bright intervals and heavy showers developing. Wind S becoming SW fresh or strong. Max temp 18C (64F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Rain to gale at times. Wind S strong to gale. Max temp 15C (59F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, mainly dry. Wind NE light or moderate. Max temp 14C (57F).

N Ireland: Rain-heavy at times. Wind N strong to gale. Max temp 15C (59F).

Brighter drier tomorrow and Friday: Brighter drier tomorrow spreading from the W.

Lighting-up time

London 9.11 pm to 5.03 am
Bristol 9.20 pm to 5.19 am
Cardiff 9.18 pm to 5.17 am
Manchester 9.28 pm to 5.24 am
Preston 9.28 pm to 5.29 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Belfast 11.61 Glasgow 11.61
Strathgairn 11.73 Inverness 11.85
Bristol 11.63 London 11.63
Cardiff 11.75 Manchester 11.61
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Belfast	2.44	6.8	3.41	4.0
Birmingham	2.40	6.5	3.17	4.0
Bristol	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Cardiff	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Edinburgh	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Glasgow	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
London	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Manchester	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Newcastle	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Nottingham	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Sheffield	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
Southampton	2.44	6.6	3.21	4.0
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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Westinghouse-Plessey put pressure on GEC

By Kenneth Fleet

Directors of Plessey and Westinghouse Electric Corporation of Pittsburgh expressed their confidence yesterday that the Government would abandon the GEC Nimrod project in favour of Boeing's E3 Awaacs early warning aircraft because they offer "the only no-risk solution" to Britain's air defence requirement "at a price fully offset by new high-technology work".

A Ministry of Defence short-list of bidders for the UK airborne early warning (AEW) project and final bids are expected in October and the decision before the end of the year. Boeing's offer of a 100 per cent offset of the cost is likely to be a crucial factor.

The choice of Awaacs would not only be a big blow to the credibility and workload of GEC, but would also trigger off, with a bang, the far-reaching collaboration agreement unveiled by Westinghouse and Plessey yesterday — the eve of the release of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on GEC's proposal to take over Plessey.

The agreement is designed in the first place to help to secure the AEW project for Boeing. Westinghouse produces the radar used in the E3 Awaacs aircraft and has the largest Awaacs sub-contract from Boeing.

Mr Jack Tymann, general manager of the Westinghouse command and control systems division, explained that the agreement covered three main areas of activity, "all vanced technology areas, including: A. The Strategic Defence Initiative ("Star Wars"), an area in which Westinghouse has already been awarded 17 advanced development contracts by the US government. B. GAs — both materials and signal processing — described as "the key to tomorrow's defence electronics systems". C. Ada software — important for all future US and Nato defence procurements. D. Electronic warfare, where the market is "rapidly expanding". E. Air defence, air traffic control, and airport systems, all of which are strategically important to Plessey and Westinghouse.

Mr Tymann described Plessey as "an obvious choice as a UK partner in this programme... Their advanced technology endeavours and their entrepreneurial approach to the world market complement our own — making for a very natural synergistic and comfortable team arrangement".

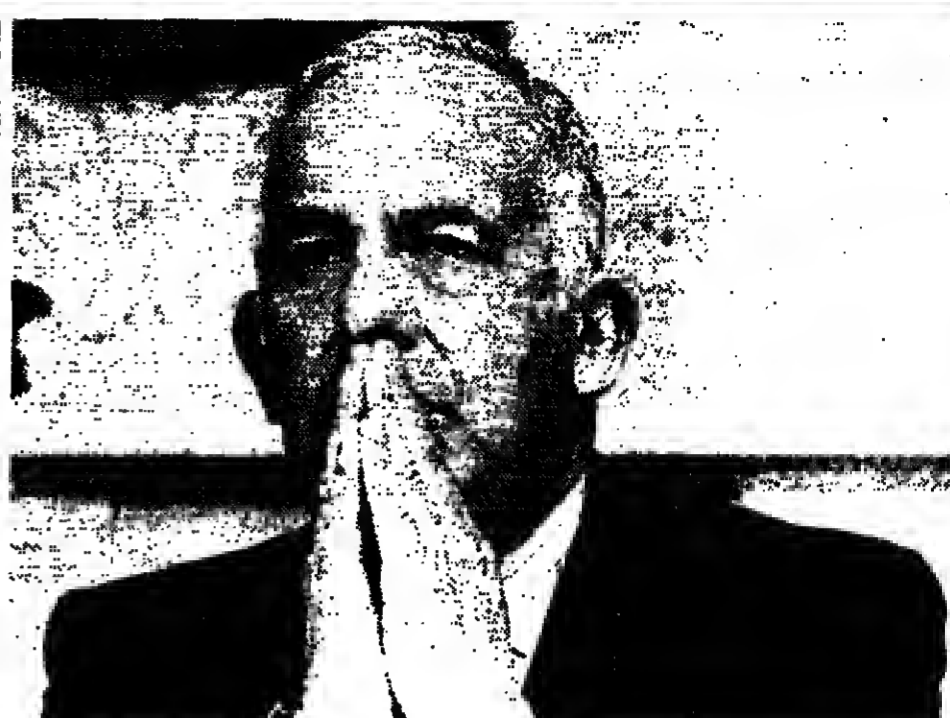
Mr Michael Whiteman, managing director of Plessey Avionics, said Plessey's decision to go with Westinghouse "was based on our own judgement of the merits of each contender for the UK AEW programme."

"In many areas of activity such as self-testing silicon chips, gallium arsenide, integrated circuits, and active aperture phased array radar we have much to offer any partner in any agreement such as this — something which is highly valued by Westinghouse. Equally we have much to gain from Westinghouse's advanced technology base."

He added: "Through Plessey, the United Kingdom can also look forward with more confidence than ever before to a significant share of the growing worldwide market for advanced electronics-based defence technologies and systems."

Mr Whiteman's claims would take some of the sting out of GEC's case for a continuation of the Nimrod project, on which more than £900 million has already been spent. GEC has argued that if Nimrod were cancelled, Britain would be excluded from AEW technology and denied the significant export potential of this system.

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Paul Fox: seeking a wider spread of shareholders. (Photograph: John Manning.)

Yorkshire TV in share sale

By Alison Eadie

Yorkshire TV, maker of the Emeraldale Farm series and First Tuesday documentaries, will sell 25 per cent of its shares to the public this month in an offer-for-sale which will value the company at about £40 million.

Yorkshire is the third television company to come to the stock market this summer, following Thames TV and TV-am. It is the only major independent station not yet to have a quote or be part of a quoted group.

Yorkshire's managing director, Mr Paul Fox, said yesterday that both the company and the Independent Broadcasting Authority wanted a wider spread of shareholders.

The present four shareholders are United Newspapers, which is selling its entire 23 per cent stake; WH Smith, which is reducing its stake from 29 to 21 per cent; and Bass and Pearson, which are both reducing their stakes from 24 to 21 per cent.

In the six months to June 30, Yorkshire's advertising revenue rose 25.8 per cent compared with a rise for the independent regional contractors of 23.5 per cent.

Programme sales both to British television stations and overseas networks have also risen from a standing start in 1982 to £7 million last year, of which £3 million went abroad.

Starting this week Yorkshire will be the first British television station to introduce 24 hour TV, when it starts a 13-week experiment in broadcasting Music Box, a pop video programme for young people, from 12.30 am until 6 am.

It was accolades in the IBA mid-term review, published last month, with a reference to its "distinguished contribution" to network current affairs programmes and documentaries.

Yorkshire made pretax profits of £3.6 million in the year to September 30, 1985 and is expected to make profits of more than £7 million this year. The prospectus is scheduled for August 22.

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Growth of money supply is curbed

By Richard Thomson

There was a sharp slowdown in the growth of the money supply last month, adding to the optimism already created in foreign exchange and money markets by Monday's Opec agreement.

Sterling M3 rose by 0.25 per cent, the lowest increase since the beginning of the year and a full percentage point below the increase in June.

The increase, in the middle of the City's range of predictions, was hailed as a welcome indication that the rapid increase in money supply for most of this year was slowing down.

But it still leaves the annual increase in sterling M3 at 19.25 per cent, well above the 11 to 15 per cent target range set by the government for this year.

Sterling M0, the narrow measure of money supply, also rose by 0.25 per cent. This gives it an annualised growth rate of three per cent, well within government targets.

Bank lending rose by £3 billion during July, one of the highest increases ever recorded in a single month.

But the underlying increase was a more modest £250 million, in line with increases in previous months.

There was also a sharp increase in government funding, reversing the trend of underfunding in recent months. The public sector borrowing requirement was overfunded by £0.2 billion following sales of gilt-edged stock of £1.4 billion, offsetting a £1.2 billion underfunding in the previous three months.

The Treasury was, however, playing down the significance of the rise in sterling M3 because of distortions in the component figures.

It said that the unexpected rise in bank lending, together with an unprecedented fall of £1.6 billion in external and foreign exchange transactions and other sterling liabilities, cast doubt on both figures.

Analysts attributed part of the jump in bank lending to large purchases of commercial bills by the Bank of England in redress shortages in the money markets created by the government's funding programme.

New Telecom man may be next chairman

By Cliff Feltham

Sir George Jefferson, the £170,000-a-year chairman of British Telecom, yesterday named the man who could be his successor if he decides to retire next year.

He is 52-year-old Mr Graeme Odgers, one of the group managing directors of Tarmac, the building company who is leaving to become a full-time deputy chairman of Telecom.

Mr Odgers declined to comment last night on speculation that he was being groomed to succeed Sir George. He said: "I have been offered this job without any thoughts to the future, and I certainly cannot comment on who might be the next chairman."

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Rowntree expands in US with £155m takeover

By Cliff Feltham

Rowntree Mackintosh, the Kit-Kat and Yorkie sweets group, is taking over the Willy Wonka chocolate factory.

In a £155 million deal, Rowntree Mackintosh is buying the United States-based sweets and snacks group Sunmark whose Willy Wonka brand, named after the famous children's story, is a best seller.

Shareholders are being asked to put up the bulk of the cash for Sunmark, which is expected to earn profits of about £17 million in the current year compared with £14.3 million last year.

Most of the profits are earned through its Sunline and Willy Wonka divisions which sell branded sweets to the children's and teenage market.

Sunmark estimates it has about four per cent of the £1.3 billion a year market. The business also takes in sales of snacks such as sunflower and pumpkin seeds and various health products.

Rowntree Mackintosh has been investing heavily in the United States through acquisition of Tom's Snack Food company and the Original Cookie business.

The chairman, Mr Kenneth Dixon, said yesterday that the company had been looking for a mainstream confectionery acquisition. The latest deal would give the group 35 per cent of sales and 45 per cent of trading profits from the United States.

But he revealed that the company's performance would be little changed in the first half of this year. The UK market remained strong but currency swings would knock £2 million off profits while the Canadian market was still suffering from higher taxes.

Tranwood's offer for Aitken Hume lapses

By Clare Dolbe

The offer by Tranwood, the shell company headed by Mr Nick Oppenheim, for Aitken Hume International lapsed yesterday even though bidders of 54 per cent of the shares had accepted the offer.

Mr Tony Constance, Aitken Hume's chief executive, expressed relief that the bid battle was over. "It has been a considerable diversion", he said yesterday.

The bid failed because the independent directors of NSR, an American fund management subsidiary of Aitken Hume, said on Monday that they would not support a change of control. Their approval was a condition of the bid.

Tranwood could have waived the condition had it so chosen but Mr Oppenheim said the independent directors' opposition could have put the NSR operation in jeopardy.

Aitken Hume recently announced an £8.95 million loss after extraordinary items for the year to March 31. Mr Constance said yesterday that profits for the first three months of the current year were above budget.

Aitken Hume's shares fell 6p to 129p on the stock market yesterday, while Tranwood's were unchanged at 15p.

Steel tube suppliers for Brown

By Our City Staff

Brown & Tawse, the industrial distributor and steel stockholder, is buying three tube companies for £4.35 million and raising £9.47 million net via a one-for-three rights issue.

The acquisitions are Pipe and Tube Supplies, BYC Engineers and its subsidiary Lancashire Tube Stockholders. They are leading tube distributors and will extend the range of tubes offered by B&T.

The companies made pretax profits in the year to July 31, 1985 of £764,000 on turnover of £9.5 million. The companies will be paid for with £3.1 million cash from existing group resources, loan notes and £683,000 in shares at 170p.

The rights issue will wipe out borrowings, which stood at £6.9 million on July 11, and put cash back in the bank.

Outwith talks

Discussions are taking place regarding Outwith Investment Trust's capital structure. These may lead to proposals being put to shareholders which could include partial or total privatization.

Sumrie loss halved

Sumrie Clothes, the Leeds textile company, yesterday announced full-year losses of £211,000, less than half the previous year's deficit of £433,000.

At the same time the company, which is undergoing a Department of Trade and Industry investigation into its shareholding structure, announced that one of its major shareholders has reduced his 7.54 per cent shareholding to below 1 per cent.

The accounts of Sumrie for the year ending March 29 have been prepared on going concern basis. Sumrie is embarking on a rationalization and reorganization programme which will be financed, according to the company, "under an arrangement with Retiro SA, a company associated with the chairman".

Mail order business 'grows faster than retail sales'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Mail order sales last year rose 10.5 per cent, a faster rate than retail sales overall, according to a survey by Verdict Research.

A separate Verdict study shows that department stores last year continued to lose market share to a fraction over 5 per cent of all retail sales.

Until last year, mail order sales during this decade grew by 26 per cent, only half the increase registered by all retail sales. But last year mail order sales were 1.3 per cent ahead of overall retail growth.

This coincides with new marketing moves in which mail order companies are trying to make catalogues appeal to more narrowly segmented groups of shoppers, says Verdict.

Market shares held by the key mail order companies are estimated by Verdict as: GUS 42 per cent, Littlewoods 25.3 per cent, Freemans 13.7 per cent, Grattan 10.2 per cent and Empire 6.2 per cent. The strongest growth has been from Grattan and Freemans.

Littlewoods lost just over 2 per cent market share last year although sales were up by 8 per cent and profits before interest rose 12 per cent, according to Verdict.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1265.8 (+4.3)
FT-SE 100 1561.6 (+16.2)

Bargains 21,683
USM (Datastream) 121.41 (+0.54)

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.4830 (+0.0135)
W German mark 3.1017 (+0.0437)
Trade-weighted 71.8 (+1.1)

Victory for Highams

Highams, the private company of Mr John Whitaker, the chairman of Peel Holdings, the retail developer, has won its £37 million bid for the Manchester Ship Canal Company. Highams's offer was declared unconditional yesterday. Manchester Ship will become a subsidiary of Highams following Highams's acquisition of a majority of the City's shares. Highams owns or has acceptances for 50.1 per cent of the voting shares representing 51.6 per cent of the publicly held equity share capital. Highams has given undertakings to the Takeover Panel that on closure of its offer it will transfer enough shares to nominees to enable it to exercise a majority of the votes, a measure made necessary by the unusual structure of the Manchester Ship Canal Company's shares.

Glynwed £19m

Glynwed International yesterday reported interim pretax profit up 20 per cent to £19.3 million on turnover marginally down at £237 million. The interim dividend was raised 20 per cent from 3p to 3.6p net per share.

Unitech fall

Unitech, the "electronic components distributor", suffered a 29 per cent decline in pretax profits to £10.73 million for the year to the end of May. Sales fell from £204.7 million to £198.3 million but the full-year dividend is increased by 15 per cent to 6.5p net.

Pleasurama up

Pleasurama, the casino operator, lifted profits from £16 million to £19.2 million before tax in the six months to June 29. Turnover rose from £71.2 million to £80.6 million and the interim dividend is up from 1.75p to 2p.

Beer ahead

Beer production in June rose 2.8 per cent on annual comparison, helped by good weather but production in the first six months of the year was still down 0.5 per cent on the same period last year, the Brewers Society said. Lager is still the big growth sector.

Shares halted

Wingate Property Investments, which called off a £19.7 million merger with Trafford Park Estates by mutual agreement last year, asked for its shares to be suspended pending an announcement.

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STOCK MARKETS
New York Dow Jones 1786.56 (+16.58)
Tokyo Nikkei Dow 17414.78 (+151.88)
Hong Kong Hang Seng 1889.04 (-17.24)
Amsterdam: Gen 289.9 (+2.2)
Sydney: AO 1127.2 (+7.1)
Frankfurt Commerzbank 18.853 (+42.9)
Brussels: General 707.05 (+56.9)
Paris: CAC 379.8 (+0.2)
Zurich: SKA General n/a
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 9 1/8-9 1/2%
3-month eligible bills 9 1/8-9 1/2%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 6%
Federal Funds 5%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.60-5.57
30-year bonds 9 1/8-9 1/2

CURRENCIES

London: New York: E: \$1.4830 S: \$1.4850
E: DM12.1017 S: DM12.0885
E: Sfr12.5048 S: Sfr12.5115
E: FF110.0547 S: FF110.0547
E: Yen229.86 ECU: ECU 0.676789
E: Index: 71.8 SDR: SDR 0.618250

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
B.P. 608p (+37p)
Britoil 121p (+15p)
Shell 855p (+24p)
Plessey 210p (+6p)
Pratt Tools 150p (+7p)
Outwith Inv. 200p (+40p)
Tribune Inv. 140p (+12p)
Pacer Systems 210p (+20p)
CVD Int. 180p (+20p)
T. Cowie 225p (+10p)
Poly Pack 143p (+10p)
Standard Chart. 724p (+10p)

GOLD

London Fixings: AM \$359.50 pre-\$358.50
close \$358.75-359.25 (\$241.75-242.25)
New York: Comex \$359.20-359.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm \$14.00 bn(\$10.99)

A YEAR OF PLANNED EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION

is how the directors of Scapa sum up Group's overall pre-tax profit. European and overseas activities produced a further 14.2% with Austria, France and India making particularly good contributions. Scapa's North American operations also continued to grow and despite the dollar factor, this vital area accounted for 46.5% of sales and 61% of profits.

Operations world-wide continued to flourish. On a regional basis the United Kingdom divisions increased sales and profits by 37% and 60% respectively and accounted for 24.8% of the

Manufacturers of engineered fabrics and rolls for the papermaking industry, felts and other specialised textiles. The full Report and Accounts may be obtained by writing to The Secretary, Scapa Group plc, Oakfield House, 52 Preston New Road, Blackburn, Lancashire BB2 6AH.

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Main table containing unit trust information with columns for fund names, prices, and performance metrics. Includes sections for EQUITY & LAW, FUND MANAGERS, and various international and domestic funds.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table listing unlisted securities with columns for company names, prices, and other financial details.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing investment trusts with columns for fund names, prices, and performance metrics. Includes sections for LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE, LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, and various commodity and metal futures.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts with columns for fund names, prices, and performance metrics.

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page...

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies like Hamersmith, Pisons, Marshall's, etc.

Please be sure to take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN, Total. Lists dividend amounts for various companies.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: 1986 High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, %age, YTD. Lists various funds like SHORTS (Under Five Years), FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS, OVER FIFTEEN YEARS.

UNDATED

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, %age, YTD. Lists various companies like A&P, B&W, etc.

INDEX LINKED

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Oils lead the way

ACCOUNT DAYS. Dealings began July 28. Dealings end on Friday. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day August 18. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS

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FINANCE AND LAND

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FOODS

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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CINEMAS AND TV

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E-K

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L-R

Table with columns: 1986 High, Low, Company, Price, Change, %age, YTD. Lists companies like L&R, etc.

INDUSTRIALS A-D

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

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INDUSTRIALS E-Z

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Eastern Song to extend Nelson's fine recent run

By Mandarín

Charlie Nelson is the trainer in the hot seat at present. Last week at Goodwood the Lambourn handler landed a big-race double with Rich Charlie and Double Schwarz.

This afternoon Nelson goes post hunting at Brighton where he has hopes of landing a double with Sure Landing and Eastern Song.

The Brighton Challenge Cup (3.0) looks a tricky affair to solve. Voracity, the top weight, always runs well on this track and Fleeting Affair was regaining her best form when runner-up to Elafor at Wolverhampton.

Holiday racers certainly have a wide choice of meetings today and those visiting Ayr will see Pat Eddy in action on the Scottish track for the second day running.

The last two of these selections are trained by John Dunlop and Eddy is also expected to win the famous Grouse Handicap (3.15) on

Princess Anne rides first winner



Princess Anne on her first winner, Gulfland.

Princess Anne won her first horse race yesterday when she partnered Gulfland to victory in the Moxmessin Amateur Riders' Stakes at Redcar.

In the race, Princess Anne tracked the leader Count Colours early on and did not panic when Positive took command.

Following the race, Princess Anne said: "You enjoy riding out and going to the races, but riding a winner makes it even more enjoyable."

Colin Tinker was enjoying his third winner in as many racing days. Followfield Lad was following Gulfland close away from the opposition to win by five lengths.

Afterwards, the Princess said: "You enjoy riding out and going to the races, but riding a winner makes it even more enjoyable."

Brighton selections

By Mandarín

2.0 Ostracism, 2.30 Ballad Rose, 3.0 HOUSE HUNTER (nap), 3.30 Kamensky, 4.0 Inishmore Island, 4.30 Eastern Song.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Helaw, 3.0 Voracity, 4.0 Loch Seaford, 4.30 Angels Are Blue.

By Michael Seely

2.30 BRITISH THOROUGHBRED RACING & BREEDING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,012: 7) (7)

2.30 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £4,331: 1m 4f) (5)

3.0 BBC RADIO SUSSEX MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O G & G: £1,963: 6f) (5)

4.0 LANES E B F STAKES (E2,393: 1m 2f) (5)

4.30 HASSOCKS STAKES (E1,721: 6f) (7)

4.30 MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS... Folkestone...

4.30 MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS... Folkestone... continued...

YARMOUTH

2.15 CLIFF PARK MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,400: 6f) (9 runners)

2.45 BURE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £286: 6f) (8)

3.15 POINTINS HOLIDAY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,700: 1m 2f) (10)

3.45 SEACROFT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,257: 7f) (10)

4.15 JIM GUNNILL MEMORIAL HANDICAP (E2,582: 1m) (7)

4.15 DEVON selections... By Mandarín...

4.30 RUTH BAKER MEMORIAL HANDICAP (E2,145: 2m 1f) (10)

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Pontefract selections

By Mandarín

2.45 Misk, 3.15 Lucky West, 3.45 Music Machine, 4.15 Virgin Isle, 4.45 Robbena, 5.15 Angel Target.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.15 CUDWORTH CLAIMING STAKES (E1,047: 1m 2f) (10)

3.45 MOTORWAY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,052: 1m) (12)

4.45 HALO HATCH (E3,236: 1m) (4)

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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

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- 6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Sue Cook.
9.20 Dudley Do-Right. Cartoon series about 1920s movie star.

TV-AM

- 8.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Annetta Rice.
8.30 Good Morning Britain with Gordon Honeycombe.

TV LONDON

- 8.25 Thames news headlines followed by Survivat: The Quick Brown Fox.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 Dudley Do-Right. Cartoon series about 1920s movie star.



Hugh Quarshie. Drama Along Balmore Drive, BBC2, 9.25pm

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BBC 2

- 6.55 Open University: Database - Data Dictionaries. Ends at 7.20.
6.00 Ceefax.
6.30 The Physics of Matter. An Open University production.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 A Night To Remember (1945) starring Loretta Young and Brian Aherne.
4.15 Film: Three Little Bears (1935) starring The Three Bears.

Radio 4

- 6.00 PM News magazine. 5.55 Shipping.
6.00 News: Financial Report 6.30 Trivia Test Match.
7.00 News.

Radio 3

- 6.00 PM News magazine. 5.55 Shipping.
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SPORT

Gloucestershire's surge increases their title chance

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (23pts) beat Hampshire (7) by 17 runs.

With a splendid win over Hampshire yesterday Gloucestershire took their lead over Essex, their nearest rivals in the County Championship, to 56 points. They left Hampshire needing 116 to win and dismissed them for 98. Walsh and Lawrence bowled unchanged and doing the job with the help of some fine close catching.

Gloucestershire are one of four counties - Northamptonshire, Somerset and Sussex are the others - never to have won the championship since it was officially constituted in 1890. Now they have a great chance. Essex, however, have two matches in hand of them, and these alone could be worth 48 points. It is too early yet to start counting the Cotswold chickens, but Gloucestershire's victory yesterday evening came on a rising tide of excitement.

Hampshire had gone away with such a rush that after nine overs they were already 39 without loss. But Lawrence removed Greenidge just in time, Athey taking the first of three good catches at second slip. All credit to Lawrence for this. He had been hit for three thumping fours off successive balls in his first over by Greenidge, and Greenidge could well have been on the point of taking him off. Instead, the longer Lawrence bowled the better a partner he made for Walsh, and the more tentative Hampshire's efforts became.

It is not often that one would suggest that Marshall's bowling cost his side a match, but it may well have done so yesterday, he pitched so shockingly and dangerously and persistently short. Had he bowled an acceptable length, or even if the umpires had

done their job and told him to pitch the ball up, the chances are that Hampshire would have won. As it was, in the morning session James took four wickets in 10 overs by bowling at the stumps and Marshall one in 11 because he bowled at the batsmen.

Thomas is called

Greg Thomas, the Glamorgan fast bowler, has been called into the England side for the second Cornhill Test match against New Zealand, starting at Trent Bridge tomorrow. He replaces the injured Graham Dilley. Thomas will open the bowling with Gladstone Small, who will be playing in his first Test match.

Martyn Moxon will be fit to take his place in the side. The Yorkshire opener injured his hand while trying to take a catch against Lancashire on Saturday but precautionary X-rays have revealed only bruising.

Gloucestershire were bowled by Walsh, pushing half forward, and Nicholas caught at deep third man. Middleton had taken 10 overs over a single and Robin Smith, when playing well, had pushed down the wrong line at Walsh.

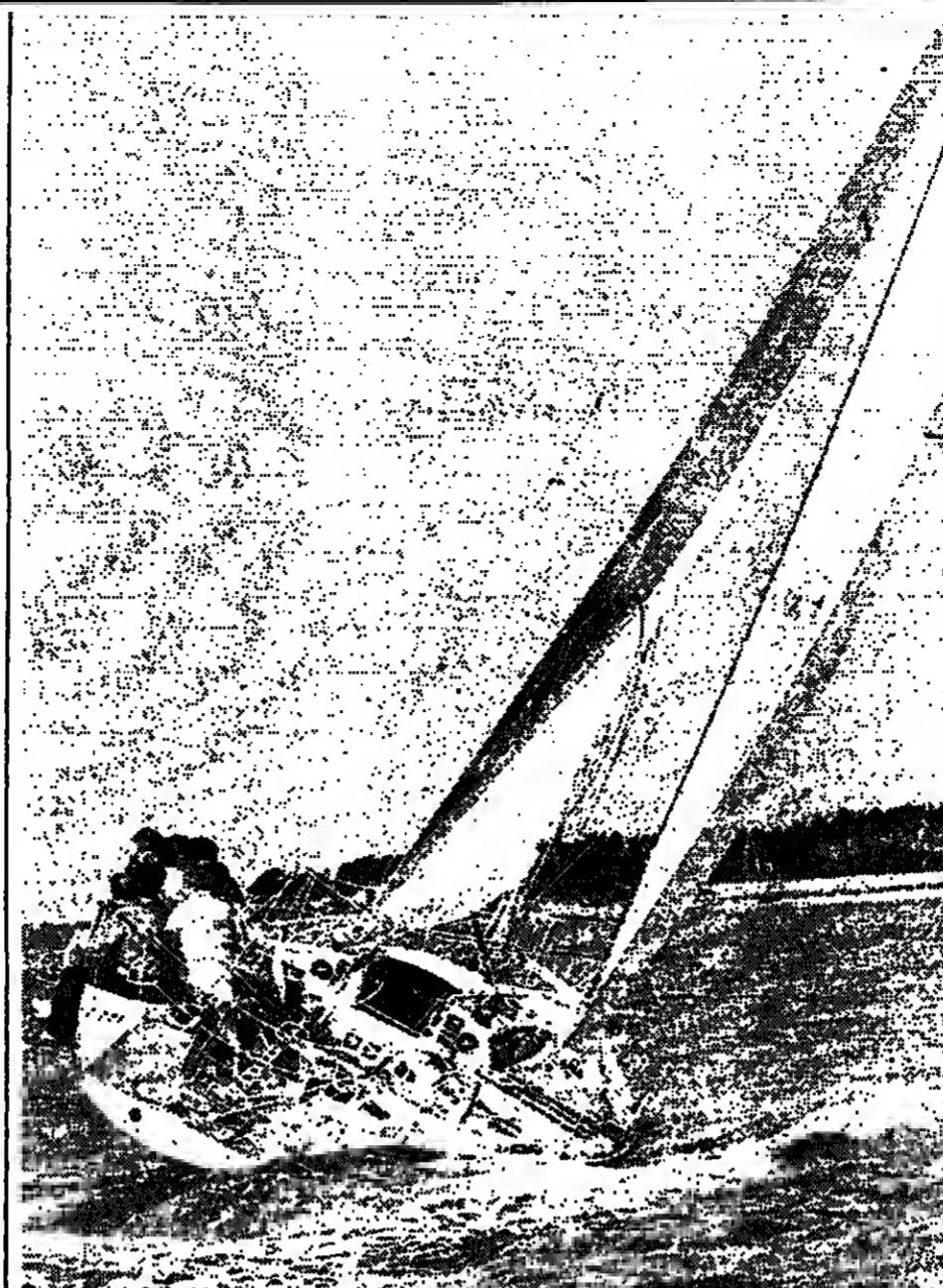
Although nothing like a reportable pitch, it was not a great one. Even so, with much at stake - had Hampshire won they, too, would have started to fancy their chance of the championship - the 42 that Hampshire needed when their fifth wicket fell were already seeming too many, especially with Christopher Smith, because of a broken finger, able to come in only at No.10. A starting catch in the gully by Graveney, diving to his right accounted for James; Curran

took two very good catches round the corner. Tomlins saved vital runs in the covers and soon after 5 o'clock Gloucestershire had won. Lawrence's last wicket was his 50th of the season and Walsh's last his 95th.

There was one other Gloucestershire hero and that was Stovold. Hit on the hand early on by Marshall, he made a wonderfully courageous 48 at a time when it seemed as though Hampshire might have to get only a handful to win. He added 45 with Curran, whose life from Greenidge in the gully when he was two, a chance that Greenidge would have swallowed 29 times out of 30, was also a telling factor. Fancy having to go and watch yet another Test match when the championship is producing days like this!

Table with 2 columns: Gloucestershire and Hampshire scores and bowling figures.

Other cricket, page 30



Captivated by Coves: class me yacht enjoys sea and wind (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Juer sails in to join a royal occasion with Prince Philip

By Barry Pickthall

Ernest Juer gained a memorable win in the Britannia Cup race at Cowes yesterday, although King Edward V would undoubtedly have approved that Prince Philip crossed the line first to celebrate the golden anniversary since his beloved Britannia - one of the most successful racing yachts with a record of 231 first places in its 43-year history - was scuttled ceremoniously off the Isle of Wight. The Britannia Cup is one of the principal pieces of silverware in the Sandhurst-sponsored Week.

It proved to be a classic race in conditions that sadly have been 'all too infrequent in recent years. The sun shone all day and the force 3-4 south-westerly breeze gave crews a comfortable test around an ideal 31-mile course.

Yeoman XXVI, with Prince Philip and former King Constantine of Greece sharing the helm, was among the first away and soon had the measure of Backlash, last year's cup winner, as the fleet short-

Britons cash in as US slip up

From Jenny MacArthur, Dublin

Michael Whitaker wasted no time hitting top form at the Dublin Horse Show when he won yesterday's MSD Equival Stakes, the opening international class, on Next Courtney.

Whitaker, who has just returned from a three-week tour in France, galloped round the slippery arena, hardly taking a pull - the brilliant Irish mare apparently needing only to be headed in the right direction.

Their astonishingly quick time relegated Ireland's top speed horse, P J Carroll, ridden by Paul Darragh, to second place. Britain's Gillian Greenwood, who is competing at Dublin for the first time, produced a well-judged round on her 19-year-old mare, Sky Fly - the horse on which she became the ladies' national champion - to finish third.

The United States riders provided the two most dramatic moments of the class. James Benedetto was still at Dublin Airport when the class started, but managed to get to the arena in time to compete. He was flying round in great style when he suddenly slipped over during a sharp turn and had to retire. His compatriot, Joe Fagan, would probably have won the class - but he, too, slipped up on the Irish-bred Mill Pearl.

If the West German riders continue to ride as well as they did yesterday they will be hard to beat in Friday's Nations Cup. Kurt Gravenmeier, on

RESULTS: MSD Equival Stakes: 1, Next Courtney (M Whitaker) 0 in 62.21 sec; 2, P J Carroll (P Darragh, Ireland) 0 in 63.57 sec; 3, Sky Fly (G Greenwood) 0 in 65.11 sec. MSD Invocac Stakes: 1, Wembley (K Gravenmeier, WGI) 0 in 64.58 sec; 2, Desirée (W Gravenmeier, WGI) 0 in 65.35 sec; 3, Carroll's Flight (E Macken, Ireland) 0 in 65.57 sec.

Wembley, and Klaus Reinacher, on Desirée, finished first and second in the MSD Invocac Stakes with Ireland's Eddie Macken third on Carroll's Flight.

Meanwhile, in the smaller outer rings the judges of the middle and lightweight hunters had their work cut out with huge entries in all the classes. Dick Saunders, a joint-master of the Pynchley Hunt, and David Walters, the judges of the lightweights, were faced with 25 entries in the five-year-old gelding class alone. After a brisk appraisal 13 were sent out - but there was no visible sign of discomfit from their riders. What mattered was that they were here at the Dublin Show where their horses could be seen - hopefully by prospective buyers.

The eventual winner of the class was Hugh McCusker's Chubb Guardian, a chestnut by Stutchworth Lad who was expertly shown by Robert Oliver. The lightweight championship class, to be judged with all the championships tomorrow, looks set to be a duel between Chubb Guardian and the six-year-old Offside.

A ride on the long coat-tails of fame

As Bernard Darwin, the former celebrated Golf Correspondent of this newspaper, once observed, "Sports writer" is the most (loathsome label by which the correspondent can be known. As opposed to, say, Author, "Sports writer" conjures up a picture of wanton ink-smudged idleness, a scuffily dressed scratching of a living by riding on the coat-tails of other people's leisure, and only marginally less socially undesirable than being a gossip columnist. The only blacker sheep among us, as Jeffrey Bernard would testify, are racing columnists.

"Does it keep you amused writing about sports?" a laconic acquaintance once said to me. It does, of course, have its rewards. Many men covetously envy one's attendance at all those events which, as they sit hunched in front of the silver screen after basting home from the office, threaten their conjugal equilibrium. It doesn't enhance my equilibrium, mind you, being overseas almost half the year, but try convincing anyone.

"Come on, don't tell me you don't enjoy it," Princess Anne said reprovingly last week, at a reception hosted by Paul Zetter for the Sports Aid Foundation.

Performers' lack of co-operation

Relations with performers, rather than recording their exploits, nowadays give correspondents their greatest difficulty. Canadian and Australian colleagues in Edinburgh were bemoaning the lack of cooperation by performers in many sports, yet we should hasten to admit that newspapers have a much to answer for with their intrusion into every nook of a sports star's existence. Like Carl Lewis and Ian Botham cannot justifiably complain of pressures on their families when they willingly collaborate with interviewers for Time and Woman's Own, or receive more from ghosted columns than they do for hitting a ball.

The personal "rights" of the professional performer are a tricky area. Steve Cram tried in August last week, in defending Thompson's refusal to attend a winners' Press conference, that "we're just athletes, not pop stars". That suggests the esoteric, self-indulgent life of the athlete entails him/her to a Carboeque existence outside the channels of normal life.

Cram, I must say, is the most agreeable of persons, yet I think he is wrong to believe that such public performers as Thompson can be exclusively private when they are taking substantial professional fees in a high-profile competitive arena. We do not expect Askewzy or Pavarotti to give Press conferences after every appearance, but theirs is not, mostly, a contentious activity.

Thompson cannot scorn courtesies

Thompson cannot exhort public acclaim almost every minute the television cameras are upon him, yet scorn normal courtesies. Greg Norman and Jack Nicklaus were under far more pressure, against better opponents than Thompson, the previous week, yet Norman brought a crate of champagne to the Press tent, and Nicklaus stayed on for half an hour talking about the torments of his first round.

If Thompson was unfairly lambasted over his clash with a Scottish official who was even more rude than he was, that is the price of his reputation. He is expected now to be rude. It is no help that Ron Pickering, so altruistic in his work for the multi-racial Harrogate Athletic Club, sincerely encourages Thompson to think that, as a talisman of the coloured British population, his non-conformity is acceptable and even admired.

Moving from the slightly ridiculous to the supposedly sublime, there is cause for concern in the too-polished public relations of Frank Bruno. The Lovelike Big Frank came along the way to Edinburgh in his silk suit, nursing a still swollen face, to bend the ears of the boxing scribes. He intends to continue in the ring, he says, which worries me, though that is another matter. What is alarming is that to help demonstrate what a lovable guy he is, and what a humble brain he has, even after Witherspoon has whacked it, Bruno now has in his camp a scriptwriter to provide him with the wisecracks.

Is Frank concerned about becoming punch-drunk? "No, I'm more worried about getting AIDS," ha, ha. They're getting Bruno ready for Southeast Pier, it seems, not the world title. David Miller

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Favourite in one-stroke lead

By John Hennessy

Susan Shapcott justified the form book on the first day of the English women's amateur stroke-play championship, sponsored by the National Westminster Bank, at Broadstone yesterday. With a round of 73, level par, she led by one stroke from Julie Walter, a former English match-play champion, with a cluster of players on 75, including the elder Shapcott sister, Allison.

For all her tender years (she is aged 16) she seemed undaunted by the fact that she is regarded as the favourite for the title. But as a reserve for the Curtis Cup with the two English members of that victorious team, Patricia Johnson and Jill Thornhill

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when spinnakers were hoisted for the run back towards Leon Solent, there was little to divide these first three. It was Yeoman who held the advantage as the leaders passed through the Royal Yacht Squadron line at the end of this first round, 30 seconds ahead of Marionette with Basil Rizzi's Trilogi II fighting a valiant battle against Tim Herring's Backlash for third place.

FOOTBALL

Three relegated for match-fixing

Milan (Reuter) - Udinese were ordered down to the second division next season and Lazio, of the second division, were relegated to the third. Lanerossi Vicenza, who was promoted to the first division at the end of last season, will remain in the second. Third division Perugia have been ordered down to the fourth division.

Wolves in the clear

Wolverhampton Wanderers' future was virtually guaranteed yesterday with the success of a joint £3 million offer by Wolverhampton Council and Asda, the supermarket chain.

Lead role

Sean Mellor, who won a second division championship medal with Leigh last season, has been named as captain of the British squad to take part in the inaugural student Rugby League world cup, starting in New Zealand on August 23 (Keith Macklin writes).

Higgs on call

Ken Higgs, the former Leicestershire captain and current coach, has been put on stand-by by the county for their home Britannic Assurance championship match against Yorkshire, starting today. The former England player, who will be 50 next January, is in line for a recall because of a number of injuries and players on England duty.

DRESSAGE

Veteran leads challenge

From a Correspondent, Cedar Valley, Ontario

SPORT IN BRIEF

Long jump

Phillip Whitlock, of England, has made the biggest jump in the latest ranking list issued by the International Squash Players Association. The Exeter player has leapt from 68 to 48, following two wins and one semi-final placing in lower grade IPSA events in France and West Germany this summer. The top 17 places remain unchanged with Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, No. 1.

Ruled out

Jarmila Kratochvilova, the women's 800 metres world record holder, has conceded defeat in her race to be fit for the European championships, starting in Stuttgart, West Germany, in three weeks' time. The athlete, aged 35, who has been considering retirement, has not recovered from an Achilles tendon operation she underwent in March.

Riding high

Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, will be one of nine carriage drivers representing Great Britain at the four-hand world driving championship at Ascot, Berkshire, next week.